



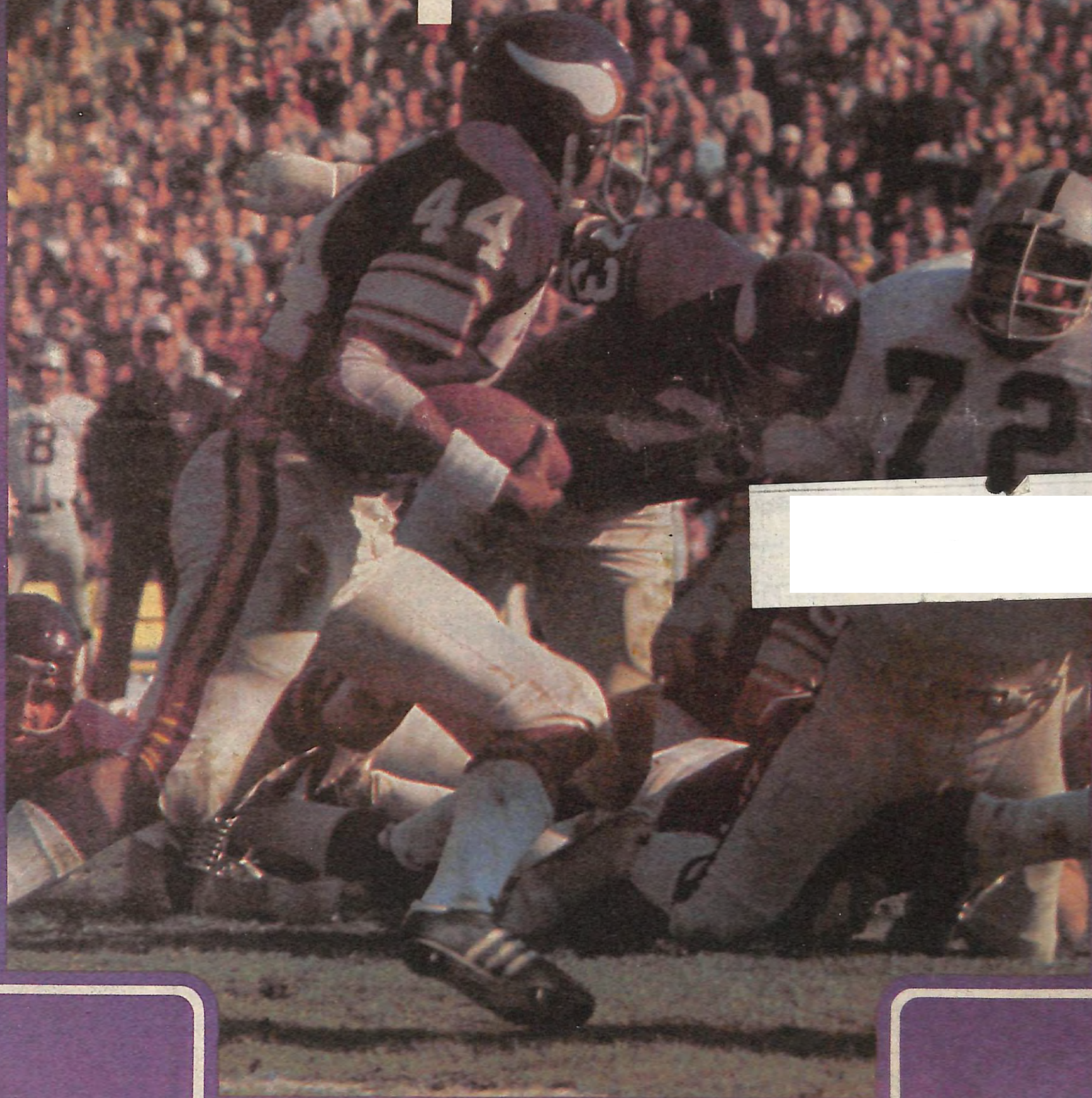
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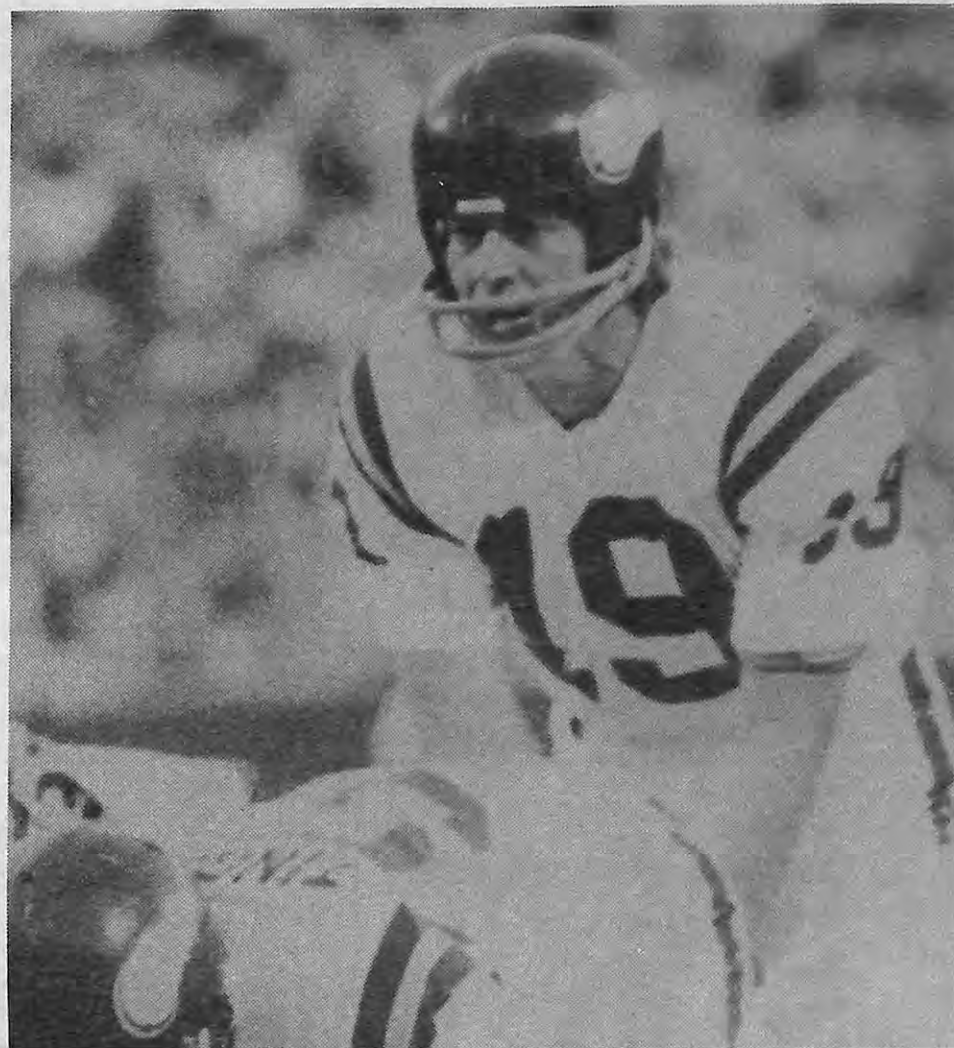
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MARK KELLAR scored first touchdown.



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# Kansas City handles Vike JV

By RICK PEARSON

Now you understand, after the Vikings' 17-13 loss to Kansas City Saturday night, why the College All-Star Game was dropped from our annual summer football bill of fare.

No matter how you cut it, kids fresh out of intercollegiate football can't handle experienced professionals. Even, mind you, if the rookies are Vikings and the pros are the regulars of the heretofore hapless Chiefs.

So, with 1:30 remaining and the Vikings trying to overcome that four-point deficit with Dee Jay Donlin at quarterback, you could figure two things. First, the Purple weren't going to save that one except through divine intervention, and second, they were playing for drill and to look at the junior varsity.

With folks like Tarkenton, Foreman, Rashad and White not playing at all, and the big names on defense playing little, it is once again apparent the "we'd like to win them all" approach also means "with the people we choose to play." No harm in that, it IS preseason.

And it WAS a stroll down memory lane. See, the Chiefs kept coming out in a Wing-T, a formation thought extinct as a basic offense in professional football. Not so. Marv Levy, the Chiefs' new coach after great successes with the Montreal Alouettes, must have rediscovered the alignment somewhere between the Canadian border and Missouri. His decision to ride this particular dinosaur was no doubt predicated on an earlier discovery that the Chiefs have an abundance of runners and about as many wide receivers as you can smuggle in a cello case.

Anyway, the two teams thudded away at one another's front walls and came away scoreless after one period. With 13:33 remaining in the second quarter, Jan Stenerud kicked the first of his five field goals for the night, a 23-yarder to make the score 3-0. Kansas City had begun to turn things its way when cornerback Emmitt Thomas, the Chiefs' senior citizen, intercepted starter Bob Lee on a deep sideline pass and returned the ball 34 yards to the Viking 40 late in the opening period.

Stenerud, the 34-year-old Norwegian former-

ski jumper soccer-style kicker who had his worst year in '77, was Kansas City's primary weapon. Before the half, he had added three more field goals, one a 50-yarder that bounced on the crossbar. The others were chip shots (for him anyway) of 24 and 31 yards. His fifth was a 47-yard effort in the waning moments of the third period. He has yet to miss a kick in 1978, and he was ahead, 12-0, at the half.

Not to say Stenerud was all the Chiefs had going for them. On the ground, the Wing-T amassed 235 yards, chiefly (no pun intended) on the efforts of Mark Bailey and Tony Reed. Bailey averaged five yards per carry, gaining 91 on 18 attempts. Reed averaged 6.7 with 11 rushes for 73 yards.

For the Vikings, whom Bailey outgained all by himself, Rickey Young was the "big" rusher with 34 yards on nine carries. The Vikings totalled 88 yards overland. Up top, Lee and Donlin threw for 86 yards, so the attack, while pitiful, was at least balanced in its futility.

Lee was 14 for 25; Donlin did not complete a pass in his five attempts, though one bomb glanced off the fingers of rookie Harry (Hands) Washington on a tough, but not impossible, catch. Though not surrounded by frontliners, Lee still threw as if he were playing catch with the Philadelphia 76ers. He did, however, hang a picture sideline pass to Washington for an eight-

yard score in the fourth quarter. Each quarterback had one interception.

Mark Kellar got the first touchdown on second effort from the one in the third quarter. Jim Marshall had separated Chief runner Ron Rowland from the football at the Viking 49 where Fred McNeill recovered to set up the 13-play scoring drive in which Lee completed four of six passes for 24 yards.

Defensively, the Vikes did not yield a touchdown, so the bromide about bending but not breaking held true. McNeill had seven solo tackles and two assists, and Mark Bockeloh, back for his second try at making the club, had six solos and two assists from his linebacker post. Free safety Tom Hannon had five solos, as did linebacker Scott Studwell. The Grape Crush (a nickname we may as well start getting used to) had only two sacks, one each by Doug Sutherland and Mark Mullaney. For the second consecutive game, there were no Viking interceptions.

By Friday's game at Miami, the household names should be back because some of the unknowns will be gone. The legendary knife-wielding Turk who chops away at NFL rosters was turned loose early in the week as part of the first cutdown date.

And, because the game is on national television.

## Observation...

Go ahead, giggle about the Kansas City Chiefs and their relic Wing-T offense, a formation utilizing three running backs and only one wide receiver. Maybe, just maybe, new Chiefs' coach Marv Levy is ahead of his time.

Talking with various defensive players and paying attention to what is being said around the NFL, one gets the distinct impression the new rule prohibiting belting receivers anywhere except within five yards of the line of scrimmage may not open up the offense after all. A number

of knowledgeable NFL people are suggesting the rule may force the remaining man-to-man defensive teams into zone setups.

If that happens, the run may become even more prominent than it has been in recent seasons. Let's face it, if you can't get wide receivers open, why bother with two of them. Just put another runner in there and have at it.

For fans of aerial fireworks, here is a disquieting ponderable: Is the Wing-T the "Offense of the 80s"? —RICK PEARSON



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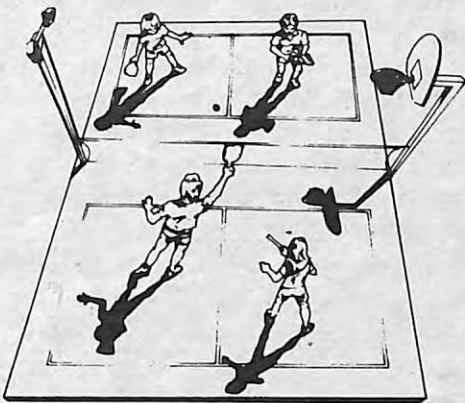
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# Pride on line in training camp

*Bob Lurtsema*

Competition in training camp for positions on an NFL roster is the keenest of any in the business world. Because virtually every little thing one does is so carefully watched, intense individual pride becomes a factor.

Watching the Vikings at training camp, that pride is evident. Watching the opener against the Redskins that pride was also evident, particularly in one incident involving rookie kicker Dave Alred. Dave is an English lad who, not surprisingly, is a soccer-style kicker. With his adrenalin pumping for his first-ever kick against an NFL team, he looked down at those 11 nasty folks trying to make the Redskins. Then he looked at that little bitty ball (in comparison to those BIG Redskins) and waited for the referee's whistle.

There it is, and here comes little Dave. His pride is on the line. His leg swings through the ball. What results is very likely the worst kick of Dave Alred's life. The ball flutters almost straight up.

Enter his pride. Dave turns slowly back and picks up the kicking tee, ready to head for the bench in disgust. Suddenly, his senses return. Clutching the tee, he turns downfield to cover

the kick. But, it is too late. At the Redskins 35-yard line, the Vikings have recovered what would officially be called an on-side kick. A BIG PLAY!

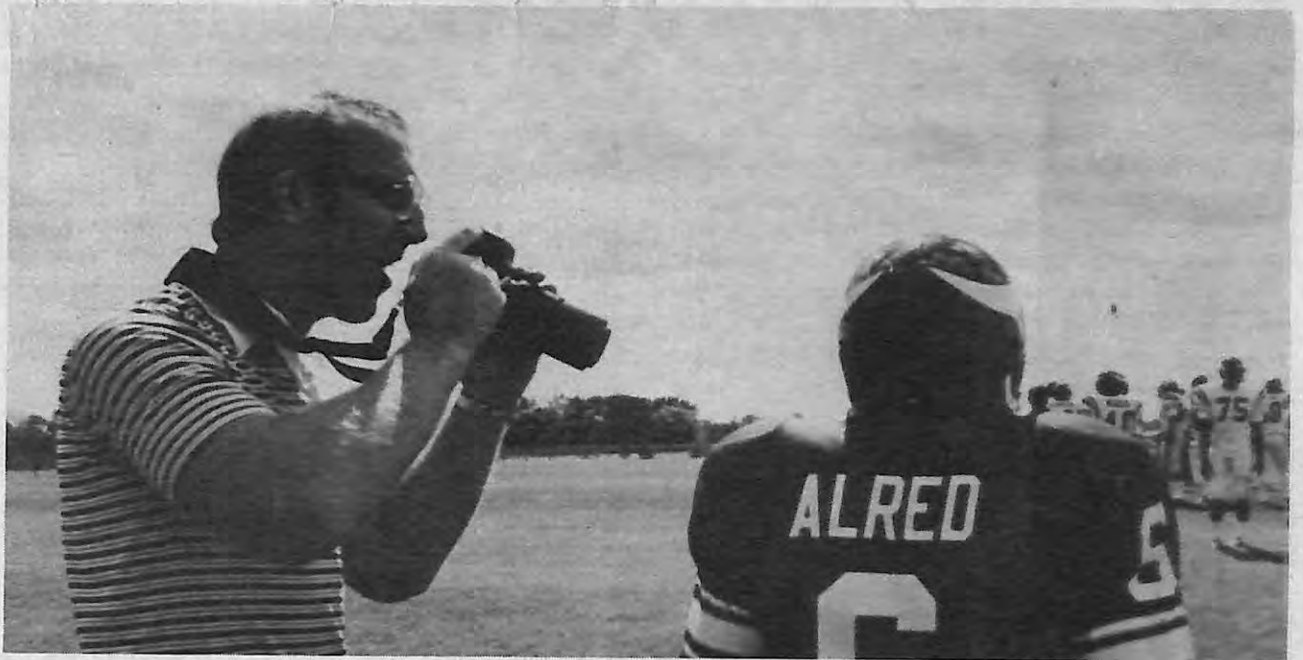
Good fortune aside, the best part of the story is that his Viking teammates mobbed him, slapping his rear and congratulating him. They are, after all, the ones most likely to understand.

## The singing, dancing running back

It was good to see Ted McKnight again in Kansas City. Ted is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Duluth who was a surprise second-round draft choice of the Oakland Raiders last year. He went to the Chiefs on waivers at the beginning of the season and, with the retirement of Ed Podolak, should see more playing time in 1978.

The reason I mention Ted here is that during training camp three years ago, he and his fellow theater students (he is a theater graduate of UMD) came to Mankato to entertain the Vikings. Playing the lead in "Damn Vikings," he was excellent. The show broke up both the training camp routine and the Vikings. Ted's parents were on hand for the show, and I had an opportunity to talk with them. With just cause, they were extremely proud of their son.

Sometimes I wonder if pride doesn't begin with the parents. A child who learns to honestly congratulate himself on the accomplishments of his hard work seems likely to become the adult who can take on any assignment saying, "I can do it."



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# Coaching security in the winning



MIAMI COACH Don Shula

By DICK GORDON

Who says there is no security in the NFL head coaching fraternity? Don't tell that to Bud and George and Tom or Chuck and John and Don.

In this year of new coaches in the National Football League, there are also a half-dozen very familiar faces. Bud Grant, of course, is one of the Solid Six. Another is Miami's Don Shula, who is ready to renew his friendly but fierce rivalry with Grant and the Vikings in the Orange Bowl, Friday night. Others in the sextet are Dallas' Tom Landry, Los Angeles' George Allen, Oakland's John Madden and Pittsburgh's Chuck Noll. Don't tell any of them it's hard to stick in the NFL.

Although Shula moved once of his own volition (from Baltimore to Miami) and Allen twice of semi-volition (L.A. to Washington and back), both of them and the other four winningest coaches have had continuous service at NFL coaching helms since they first took over. That means Landry is now in his 19th season, Shula his 16th, Allen his 13th, Grant his 12th and Noll and Madden each in their 10th.

Really, these gentlemen don't disprove the theory that NFL coaches must win to survive — because all they do is win. The victory total of

the group is 694 against 312 defeats. That figures out to a combined winning percentage of .689. And it would be even higher by eliminating Landry's early years at expansionist Dallas, Noll's 1-13 debut at Pittsburgh and Grant's 3-8-3 getaway at Minnesota, his only losing season here. Once the Solid Six got their systems established, they won consistently . . . like to the tune of 16 Super Bowl appearances and seemingly automatic entry into the playoffs.

When Shula finished 6-8 for Miami in 1976, it marked his only losing record in 15 seasons. Knowing how he would feel in such circumstances, Grant predicted Shula would turn things around in a hurry — as he did with the Dolphins' 10-4 performance last year.

In many ways Shula represents the most remarkable sage of all. When he got his NFL head coaching start at Baltimore, the Colts were on the road down from their great championship years of 1958-59. Daddy Lipscomb was gone. Gino Marchetti, Raymond Berry and Lenny Moore were getting old. But a year later Shula had the Colts playing Cleveland for the NFL championship in the B.S.B. (before Super Bowl) days. And he would have repeated in 1965 if his one-two quarterbacks, Johnny Unitas and Gary Cuozzo, had not been injured. In that crisis Shula returned halfback Tom Matte to his college QB role. And with Matte wearing the playbook on his wristband, Baltimore tied Vince Lombardi's Packers for the Western Conference championship before losing the playoff on a disputed field goal by Don Chandler.

In 1968, Shula took his Colts, minus Unitas for most of the season, to 15 wins in 16 games. The Jets and Joe Namath upset them in Super Bowl III for only their second loss of the year.

When the coach went south to Miami in 1970, Dolphin owner Joe Robbie was charged with tampering and assessed a first-round draft choice as Miami's penalty by Commissioner Pete Rozelle. Robbie denied any wrong doing by prematurely talking to Shula, but has often said that the "deal" (a great coach for a No. 1 draft choice) was the best trade he or anyone ever made.

Shula's coming changed the Dolphins from 3-10-1 in 1969 to 10-4 his first season. His Miami predecessor, George Wilson, said the Dolphins were ready to bloom anyway and that Shula just happened to come along at the right time. Don't you believe it. It was Don's touch

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which was also manifest in 1972 when Miami became the first team ever to go through the entire season — regular games, playoffs and Super Bowl — unbeaten and untied. After the Dolphins repeated as Super Bowl champions in 1974 at the Vikings' expense, the World Football League came to the rescue of Miami's opponents. Wiffle's free-spending owners lured away Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick and Paul Warfield. Mercury Morris and Jake Scott also departed, age took its toll on Nick Buoniconti and other defensive stalwarts and, after the injury-ridden 1976 season, only a handful of the Super Bowl gang survived.

So, Shula rebuilt just as he had done previously in Baltimore. With rookies like A. J. Duhe and Bob Baumhower in the defensive line and Leroy Harris in the backfield, the Dolphins tied for the top with Baltimore in the highly competitive Eastern Division. They missed the 1977 playoffs only because of the tiebreaking system, the Colts having the better record in their conference. The revived rookie-led Dolphin defense held the opposition to an average of 14 points a game. And today, Miami is an NFL power once again, thanks largely to Shula, who was just as eager to make amends for his 6-8 disappointment in '76 as was Grant after the Vikings' 7-7 mediocrity in 1972. Coaches like those two won't stand still for such unsatisfactory results.

Which brings up their Friday meeting. This will be the 11th time in the last eight years, counting regular season, exhibitions and Super Bowl, that Grant's Vikings and Shula's Dolphins have opposed one another. Going back to their four confrontations when Shula was at Baltimore, the overall Grant-Shula series is 6-7-1 against the Vikings. But the most one-sided

game was won by the Purple. That was in 1969 when Joe Kapp's seven touchdown passes paced Minnesota to a 52-14 rout of Baltimore. Afterward, Shula said in the Met lockerroom: "It's the first time I have ever been ashamed of the way I prepared a team." It is doubtful if he has ever been ashamed since.

The Vikings have split their two regular league games with the Dolphins, losing in the last minute here in 1972 and ending their 1976 season in Miami with a 29-7 victory. Miami won the 1974 Super Bowl 24-7 and in the seven pre-season games it's 4-3 for the Vikings. The home team has won each time, including a 33-7 Viking success at the Met last August when the Purple defense, for one of the few times in their meetings with Bob Griese, stopped the great Miami quarterback cold.

This is Miami's final home game before the regular schedule begins, so you can be certain the Dolphins will use their front-liners a good bit of the evening. Shula and Grant have something else in common, besides their mutual respect for each other. They keep the pre-season exhibitions in perspective — but they seldom lose before the home folk.

Therefore, that would make the Dolphins apparent favorites. But an even better bet is this: When the curtain rings down on the 1978 schedule, Grant's Vikings and Shula's Dolphins will be at or near the top as usual — just as members of the NFL's Solid Six should be.

## Barnes, Ehrmann organize free summer football camp

Many NFL players are connected with sports camps during the off-season, but the camp Baltimore defensive tackles Mike Barnes and Joe Ehrmann ran this summer was a little different than most.

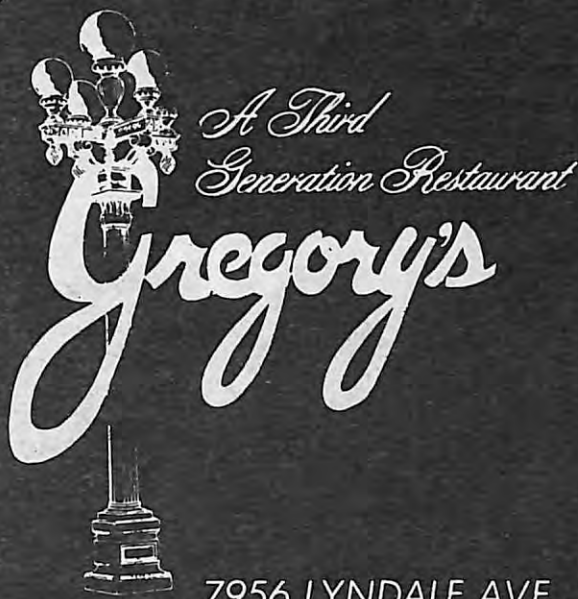
It was free!

"Mike and I were sitting around one day when we got to talking about the various off-season football camps you see advertised," Ehrmann said. "We talked about all the kids who couldn't afford the \$200-\$300 it takes. So, we decided to see if we could do something about it."

"The main purpose of the camp, which was conducted with the cooperation of the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation, was to show the kids that somebody cares."

"We know most of these aren't kids who'll go on to become great football stars, but they're kids we want to show that they can become something if they'll work at it. It didn't cost the kids anything to come, even their lunch was provided free."

Both Ehrmann, who grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., and Barnes, a Pittsburgh native, are "city boys" who have become quite involved with community projects like this camp and are now year-round residents of the Baltimore area.



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# Siemon, mates feeling a rush

By TONY PARKER

If you examine last year's team statistics, you'll find a unique set of numbers that point to a recent problem area for the Viking defense.

The numbers appear in the column marked "Net Yards Rushing" and reveal that Viking opponents out-gained Minnesota, 2,218 yards to 1,821. The difference, 397 yards, is the exact total gobbled up by one man, Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears, in the two meetings between the division rivals last season.

Middle linebacker Jeff Siemon, who relays defensive plays to his teammates on signals from the Viking bench, says, that even without Payton's numbers plugged into the overall team averages, a statistical standoff in any department means there is a definite need for improvement.

Siemon and his fellow defenders take little solace in the fact that a large share of the rushing yardage against them came between the 20 yard lines.

"Yes, that counts for something," he said, "but we have to concentrate on stopping the opposition on first down plays."

Too often last year, the Vikings faced a second down, short yardage situation.

It's axiomatic. If an opposing runner can rip off a five or six yard gain on first down, the odds shift heavily in favor of their team making the necessary yardage for a first down. Moreover, it allows the enemy the luxury of staying with the ground game where fewer critical mistakes are likely to happen.

Payton's personal performance notwithstanding, Siemon believes that reversing the net yards rushing differential is a top priority this season.

The seven-year veteran from Stanford explains how statistics that look good in one place can actually indicate a problem in another.

"For instance," he pointed out, "we were third in the number of passes thrown against us and you'd think that would be a positive thing. But, the truth is, other teams were doing so well against us on the ground that the need to pass was cut way down."

Many times there is a snowballing effect that

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JEFF SIEMON and fellow defenders hope to yield less on first down.

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# Viking Rx

By DR. DONALD LANNIN  
Viking Team Physician

**QUESTION:** *How can the Vikings get into shape when they have such a short training camp as compared with the other teams?*

**ANSWER:** The Vikings don't get into shape in training camp. They come into training camp in shape. Good athletes never get out of condition. They maintain an exercise activity program the year round, participate in off season programs and gradually regain a peak of conditioning before coming into camp. This year Mick Tingelhoff came in at a one pound lighter weight than he did as a rookie. Rookies coming into camp who are not in shape do not last long enough to get into shape.

**QUESTION:** *I have been reading in the paper about the huge assortment of foods on the training table at Mankato. If I ate half of the things on the menu, I would weigh two tons.*

**ANSWER:** You probably would, and that is the reason the players carefully select what they should eat from the available menu. The food in camp is great and seems to get better every year. The available assortment simply helps each player to reach and maintain what he considers to be his best playing weight. A few players want to add a few pounds, but most want to simply maintain their condition. Jim Hough, who has mostly played guard with straight ahead blocking assignments, now is trying to get his weight down to help him in his new additional duties at center.

**QUESTION:** *My coach says we should not do deep knee bends in our football conditioning program. How can I get my legs in shape? I have been doing deep knee bends for years.*

**ANSWER:** Deep knee bends went out with the Model-A Ford. Coaches and trainers know that they do nothing but damage, are a poor exercise for knee strength and produce excessive wear on the backs of your kneecaps. The back surface of your kneecap is one of the earliest areas of wear in all athletes and the greatest source of knee troubles. The minute an athlete develops any clicking or roughening of the back of the kneecap, the trainer will strongly advise that you not only discontinue any type of deep knee bends, but you also discontinue doing any weight lifting with the knee bent and discontinue the use of any type of universal gym apparatus which produces pressure on the kneecap area. A safe, effective exercise to improve your quadriceps is simply lying on a table or bed with your foot hanging over the end of the bed, keep your knee totally straight, start lifting the leg straight with a few pounds of weight on your foot and increase the weight gradually. If this exercise is done ten minutes once or twice a day, you can build up your quadriceps easily and safely.

**QUESTION:** *I have been wrestling for several years, and I have had numerous minor elbow injuries, but no fractures and no big injuries. Recently, I have had locking and catching, and at times, I cannot straighten out my left elbow. The doctor says nothing shows on the x-ray.*

**ANSWER:** You probably are having cartilaginous chips break off and catch in the joint, and these do not show on x-ray, although over a period of time, some of them actually change into bone and will then show on the film. Quite often, these have to be removed. Benchwarmer Bob holds the all-pro record for elbow loose bodies. He had a half a cup full removed from each elbow while he was with the Vikings.

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## Oldies but Goodies

(Ed. Note: Bill Brown started his football career in Illinois, first as a prep at Mendota High School, then at the University of Illinois and finally with the Chicago Bears. At Illinois, he was an All-Big Ten fullback and won three letters each in football and track. He played 13 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings from 1962 to 1974, rushing for 5,838 yards and catching passes for 3,183 yards. He scored 73 touchdowns and had eight 100-yard games. He now lives in Bloomington, Minn., and works for The John Roberts Company, The Registry Hotel, Home Federal Savings and Loan and WDG Radio.)

By BILL BROWN  
Viking Fullback, 1962-74

Well, it's after the second exhibition game, and training camp is in full swing.

Some of the "past" players really start enjoying camp at this point because their legs are starting to come back and make running so much easier.

Plus, the card games really get rolling about this stage of each new season.

We all came to play football, but you had to do something to break the boredom of a training camp. For many of us, the card game that followed practice was a much-awaited diversion.

It was a race after lunch or dinner to get a seat. Nobody wanted to challenge Gary (The Dane) Larson, Bob (Benchwarmer) Lefsa or "Weird" Wally Hilgenberg for a chair. If you were smart, you left your meal early in order to get a seat. It was literally a fight for a chance to play in the BIG game.

The regulars included Ray (Moonie) Winston, the Cajun who played cards the same way he played football, and was one of the best. Then, there was Lonny (Wild Man) Warlick, who always played as if the sky was the limit.

One guy who didn't fit the mold was Grady (Poker Face) Alderman. He kept a running total of how he was doing from day to day, just like the accountant he is.

I will never forget Karl (Otto) Kassulke, who just kept sticking in his nose the same way he did on the field. Even if he had a bad hand, he was in until the end. There was no way you could ever run a bluff on him.

Usually, we had the "Okie," John Henry Ward, in the game, as long as his stakes held out. He would play if he felt lucky.

Many others got into the BIG game, but most of them just drifted in and out. "Tark" would play now and then, but, most of the time, he was catching Z's (sleep, that is). "Double B," Bobby Bryant, would play from time to time if he wasn't Z-ing out. "The Moose," Carl Eller, felt hot now and then, but only joined us when he got the urge. Jim (Wrong Way) Marshall jumped in now and then, too, and brought some wild and different types of games. One of his favorites, called In Between, would draw some wild reactions from the players. Sometimes, so much, the Z-ers would get mad, come down to the card room and attempt to quiet us down. Generally, they'd stay on, watching the game and yelling right along with us.

The problems we had everyday were many. Things like who would get to sit next to the

electric fan was always a big hassle. New cards created problems. Sometimes we would be in the middle of a game and someone would discover there was a card missing. Boy, did that start problems.

The Benchwarmer really was smooth when he lost a hand. ("I just knew it was a winner!") He'd throw his cards all over the room. If he was unusually upset, he'd throw them right into the fan. Did you ever try to play a game of cards with a shredded deck?

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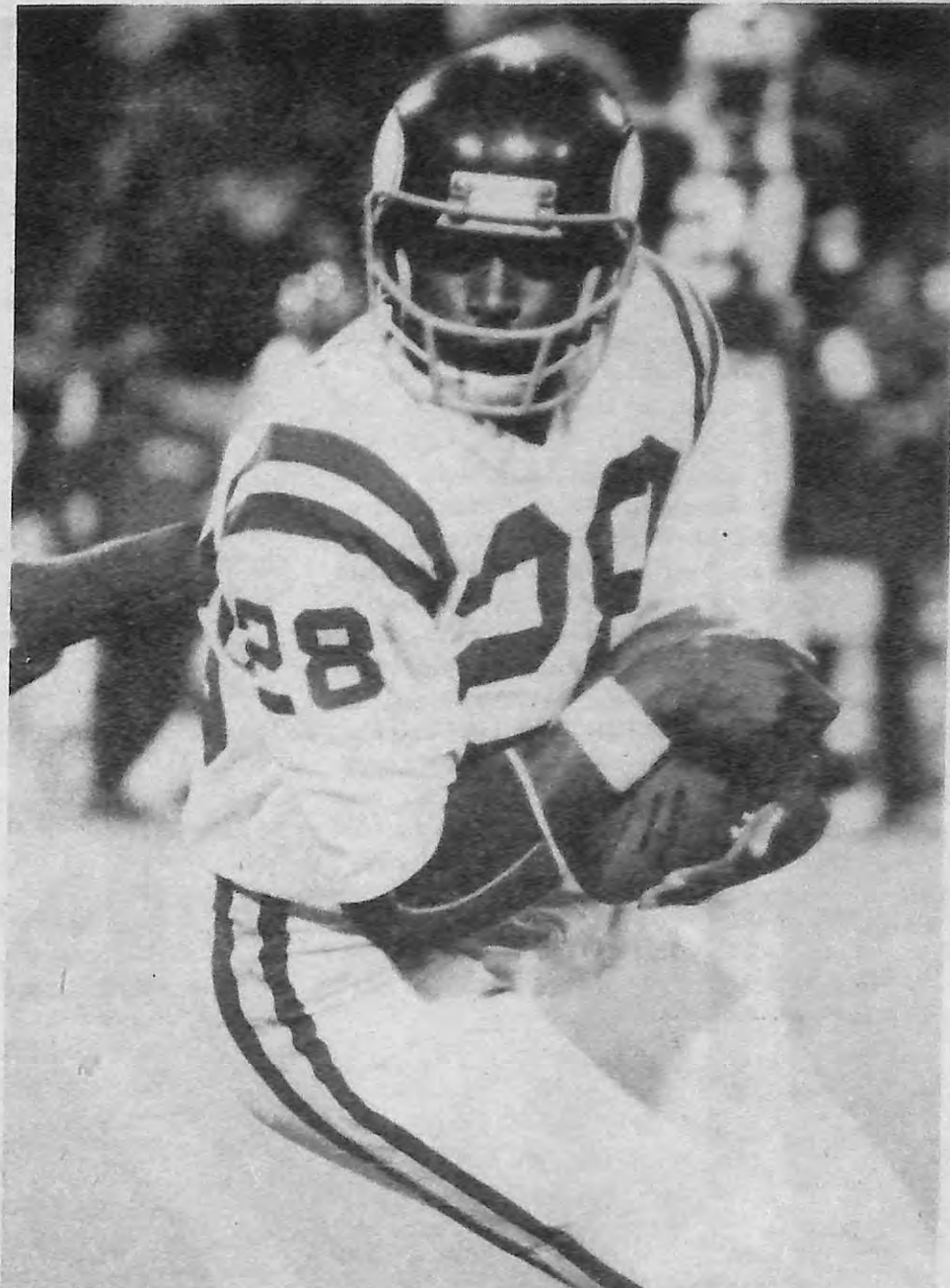
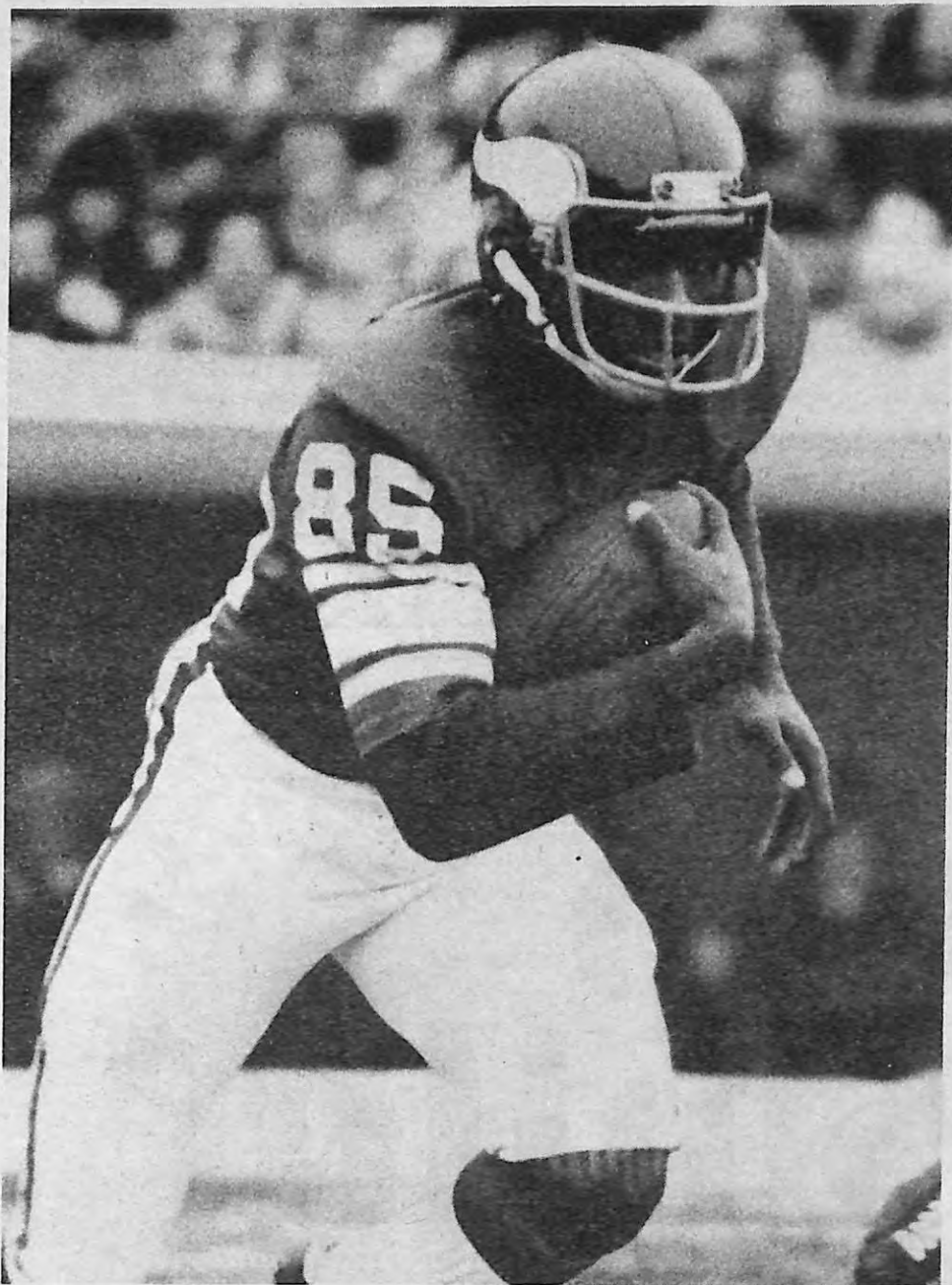
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VIKINGS MAY have found backup help for Touchdown Twins Sammy White (left) and Ahmad Rashad (right) in rookie Harry "Hands" Washington.

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# Who stands third in receiving line ?

By ED KAROW

The Vikings encamped at Mankato this year with one of the more impressive collections of wide receivers in the league.

Ahmad Rashad led the NFC in receptions last season with 51, his second straight year over the 50-catch mark since coming to Minnesota in the trade that sent Benchwarmer Bob and receiver Sam McCullum to Seattle.

By his own estimate, Rashad is better than ever this year because of continuing improvement of a surgically repaired knee and shedding a few unnecessary pounds. (As proof of that, we need only to look to the Washington game, a six-catch, 179-yard night for Rashad that included the 93-yard touchdown catch from Tommy Kramer.)

Sammy White, NFC Rookie of the Year in '76, has credentials that include nine touchdowns among his 41 catches last season, a club record four touchdown catches in four consecutive games, and the distinction of being among the handful of Vikings who have started continuously since being a rookie.

As a backup, the Vikings were depending on Bob Grim, the steady receiver and return specialist who played every game last season.

But there's the rub. No backup. Grim decided to retire. That late retirement announcement precluded the Vikings meeting their needs by drafting proven talent from the college ranks. So, Coordinator of Football Operations Jerry Reichow and his scouts were forced to go digging around in the often unproductive netherworld of the free agent.

They got lucky.

The player who may be heading the list to replace Grim is rookie Harry "Hands" Washington of Colorado State. He established his game credentials in that preseason opener with Washington with a leaping grab of that 14-yard touchdown pass that turned out to be the game-winner.

But game winning touchdown catches, no matter how spectacular, aren't enough to soften the heart of the always-analytical head coach. Bud Grant has said from the beginning that players earn their way onto the roster by what they do in practice. It is there that Washington may have an edge.

What impressed Reichow about Washington is the way he attempts to catch every practice ball that's thrown his way. "He goes to the ball very well," says Reichow, "and tries to make a play every time. Some players won't do that if they feel they can't make a catch. So, you may see

Washington drop or miss a few. But that's simply because he's trying harder."

Offensive coordinator Jerry Burns says the high quality of all the candidates for wide receiver is a "definite surprise." Burns has been preconditioned to "expect more talent and experience from a high college draft choice than a free agent." Asked specifically about Washington, Burns said, "He has a good chance. He has a good feel for the ball, good intelligence, and could figure in our plans as a return man, too."

The Vikings not only have Harry Washington to consider. There are three other free agents making a strong bid to be included "in" after the final cuts are made. They are:

James Hall, who made 69 catches for more than a thousand yards at Eastern Michigan, and who can move . . . 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash;

Kevin Miller of Louisville, who also had more than a thousand yards, his on 73 catches for six touchdowns . . . and adds the element of a 24.2 yard kickoff return average;

and Johnny Square, another receiver-return combo man who holds the Colorado State career record of 1,389 yards in 62 kickoff returns, a 22.4 yard average.

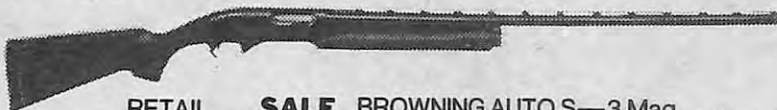
No one in his right mind would question the idea that Rashad and White are "set" in their starting wide receiver spots. But it now appears, even with Grim's retirement, that the Vikings' stock will rise in backup receivers because of the quality of the free agents who are battling for recognition.



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# Kris finds surprise at Viking office

Kris Sutherland, wife of defensive tackle Doug, was in tears last week in the Viking office. The Vikings had contacted her several times to please come in and pick up a box for Doug. Her first thoughts were: Why couldn't Doug have picked it up before he left for training camp?

Tuesday, Kris finally made the trip. Taking one look at the small jeweler's box and guessing its contents, Kris began to cry, hysterically, as emotional wives do. She was soon joined by

## The Wives' Lives

By BARB SUNDE

several of the Viking office gals, who shared her joy.

In the box was a ring, a replica of the Vikings last Super Bowl ring, shaped like a football field and filled with diamonds.

Kris had been hinting for the past year to Doug about some of the gorgeous Super Bowl rings and pendants other wives had. So, Doug, in the sentimental way only a defensive tackle could, surprised his wife.

"I felt just like jumping into the car and heading straight for Mankato," the jubilant Kris said.

(Doug, I think you deserve the Red Carpet treatment all season long.)

Christy and defensive back Jeff Wright hosted a Bahama cruise in May for the NFL Players Association. Their 3-year-old son, Rhashad, accompanied them and still talks about his "big boat trip." The Wrights also traveled to Toronto over the Memorial Day weekend, along with Viking linebacker Jeff Siemon and former Viking guard Ed White, to play against Christian athletes from the Canadian Football League in a CFL-NFL flag football game sponsored by Athletes in Action. There was no winner or loser, but the NFL finished with more points.


Another group of Viking players and their wives traveled to San Diego during the off-season to spend five days sharing, studying and becoming acquainted with other pro athletes at the Pro Athletes Outreach Christian Conference. Among those who attended were Joe Jackson, Chuck and Paula Goodrum, Wes and Linda Hamilton, Jeff and Dawn Siemon, Nate and Christy Wright, the Sutherlands and Ed and JoAnn White.

Diane and Alan Page will be honorary directors of "Run for Your Life - 78," a run scheduled October 7 and sponsored by the American Lung Association.

Rookie linebacker Whip Walton and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of a baby girl born in May.

Sid Danmeier is the most recent Viking bride. She and Viking kicker Rick were married May 20 in Austin, Minn., Sid's hometown. There's a

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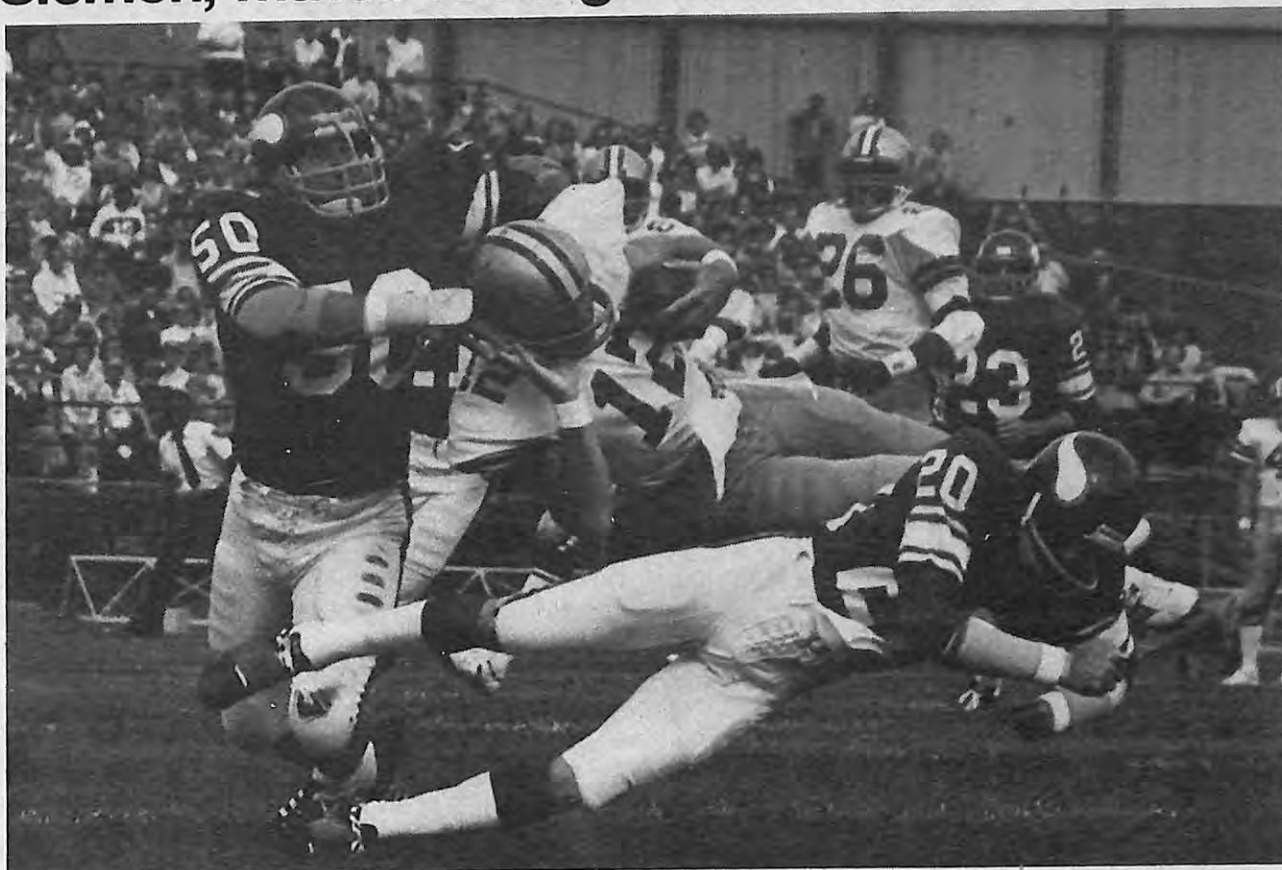
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## Siemon, mates feeling a rush From page 7



OOOF DA! Jeff Siemon (50) and Bobby Bryant (20) play high-low with Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach.

begins with a weakness in one area and works its way through the entire game.

If a team is given the opportunity to grab off large chunks of yardage on first down running plays, it reduces the need for a second down pass and increases the possibility of scoring an early touchdown. The Viking defense found itself in that situation far too frequently last season, according to Coach Bud Grant.

"If you fall behind early, in as many games as we did last year," Grant said, "the other team doesn't have to throw the ball as much, and

obviously it's more difficult to get sacks and interceptions. The only way we're going to improve on those statistics is to get ahead early and put the other team in a position where they have to throw."

Look for the Vikings to go to the 3-4 defensive alignment more often this season in order to utilize their strong linebackers to shut down the enemy's first down thrusts. Siemon, flanked by two young giants, Fred McNeill and Matt Blair, give the Vikings a starting unit that is second to none in the NFL. But, when you add

the fine young talent of second year man Scott Studwell and the wily experience of Wally Hilgenberg to that trio, Grant has the personnel he needs to opt for three down linemen and four linebackers.

"I don't think you'll ever see us use four linebackers as a primary formation," Siemon said, "because we can put four excellent-defensive linemen out there at any time. But, we're putting some practice time in on the 3-4 and we will be using it. We feel we have five very strong and very quick linebackers, and we'll utilize that strength."

Grant says one of the areas of primary interest going into the 1978 campaign is linebacking. "We're interested in linebackers," he says, "But then everybody is. More and more teams are using three defensive linemen and four 'backers because defensive linemen are so hard to find, especially big ones with mobility. But you can take a 210- or 215-pound linebacker and use his mobility to advantage in a four-linebacker situation."

Fortunately, for the Vikings, they have both quality and depth in linebacking and the defensive line positions, and it figures Grant will be throwing a variety of formations against the other NFL teams.

The word was out last season to "Run the ball against the Vikings." And run the ball the opposition did, oftentimes to the embarrassment of the Purple People Eaters.

In fairness to the Viking defensive unit it should be pointed out many NFL teams have enjoyed increased success with the running game against all opponents in recent years.

"But," Siemon said, "The simple fact is we were way down in the league statistics in rushing defense last season and we want to change that."

The Vikings could show a big improvement simply by stopping Payton when the two teams meet again.

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## Bespectacled Griese sets good example

A more relaxed Bob Griese is in Miami's training camp this season almost a full year after he solved his vision problem by becoming the first NFL quarterback to wear eyeglasses on the field during games.

It was in preseason camp a year ago that he first began experiencing vision problems which threatened to end his career.

Now, as a spokesman for the American Optical Corporation and Florida Chairman of the Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Griese hopes his example will help others be more attentive to proper eye care.

"I would hope that young people would be honest with their eye exams and they wouldn't be worried about having to wear glasses," Griese explained.

"Early detection of any kind of eye problem could be important in treating the situation. I've gotten a lot of letters from parents who say how nice it is their own kids wear their glasses now because I do. People around the country know me and know about my problem. If I get out and tell them how to guard against visual diseases, maybe they'll listen.

## SI coverboy a Dolphin rookie

Among the candidates for the Miami Dolphin varsity is a young man who was introduced to the nation some years back on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

Bruce Hardy, in full football regalia, was shown standing on a barren Utah highway beside the headline: "The Best Schoolboy Athlete in America."

Inside, the magazine chronicled the exploits of the high sports wizard and the efforts by various colleges to recruit him.

Hardy chose Arizona State, where he began as a quarterback before moving to tight end. Now, he is the Dolphins' ninth-round draft choice and wearing number 34 in his battle to win one of the tight end spots on the Dolphin roster.

## Wives' Lives From page 12

good possibility Sid may be as well conditioned as her husband. She plays racquetball frequently and, starting in September, "will be employed by the Northwest YMCA as a teacher of fitness and swimming. She was a recreation major and thoroughly enjoys exercising.

The Danmeiers play racquetball together sometimes. "Rick's real nice about playing with me, as he's a much better player," Sid said. "But, he'll still give me a 'kill' shot now and then to show me who's boss."

On weekends when the Vikings travel out of town, Nancy Alderman, wife of ex-Viking captain and WCCO radio colorman Grady, often uses her spare time to go horseback riding on the trails and fields near their Lakeville home. The Alderman's horses have been shown in past years, but now Nancy rides English-style, strictly for pleasure.

When Stubby Eason, Viking equipment manager, heads south to training camp, his wife, Dody, heads north to the family's summer home near Moose Lake. After 18 training camps, Dody knows all of Stubby's time and thoughts are concentrated on his football guys. But, you can bet Dody won't miss a kickoff when it's time to play.

Hey, you Viking dads! You are truly missed around home. Last week, Jeffy Siemon, son of middle linebacker Jeff, told his mother, Dawn, he just loved wearing his tan and white striped shirt "because it smells just like Daddy."



# The league...

page one



## Harvey Martin has a warning

### NFC notes

Defensive end Harvey Martin has some words of warning for the rest of the National Football League.

"A lot of people overlook the fact that we won the Super Bowl last year with a green football team," Martin said. "This is a team with its best years still to come."

Martin is approaching his playing weight of 250 pounds after losing 22 pounds because of off-season oral surgery.

"My jaws were wired shut, and it was impossible to eat properly," he recalled. "That's all in the past now."

#### Wilkinson battles boredom

Bud Wilkinson, taking over as head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals after being out of coaching since 1963, had this to say about training camp:

"Practice times will vary because we don't want training camp to become boringly routine. There's no way you can avoid that, as a practical matter, but we're trying."

Wilkinson got ready for training camp by taking a two-week vacation trip to Europe.

#### Hickman looking for his spot

Third-year vet Dallas Hickman is making a transition from down lineman to linebacker with the Washington Redskins.

"I've been trying to find a place to play ever since junior college," Hickman said. "I played split end and tight end in junior college, then tight end and defensive end at California. But, I think this is it. This is where I ought to be."

His 6-foot-6 frame fits nicely into the Redskins' possible 3-4 defense plans.

#### Changes in the Lions' den

There have been a number of changes at Detroit, although Coach Monte Clark is just getting his training camp under way.

Tight end Charlie Sanders, Detroit's career reception leader, has retired. Sanders caught 336 tosses in 10 NFL seasons and was a seven-time participant in the Pro Bowl. He was sidelined by a knee injury for the final five games of the 1977 campaign.

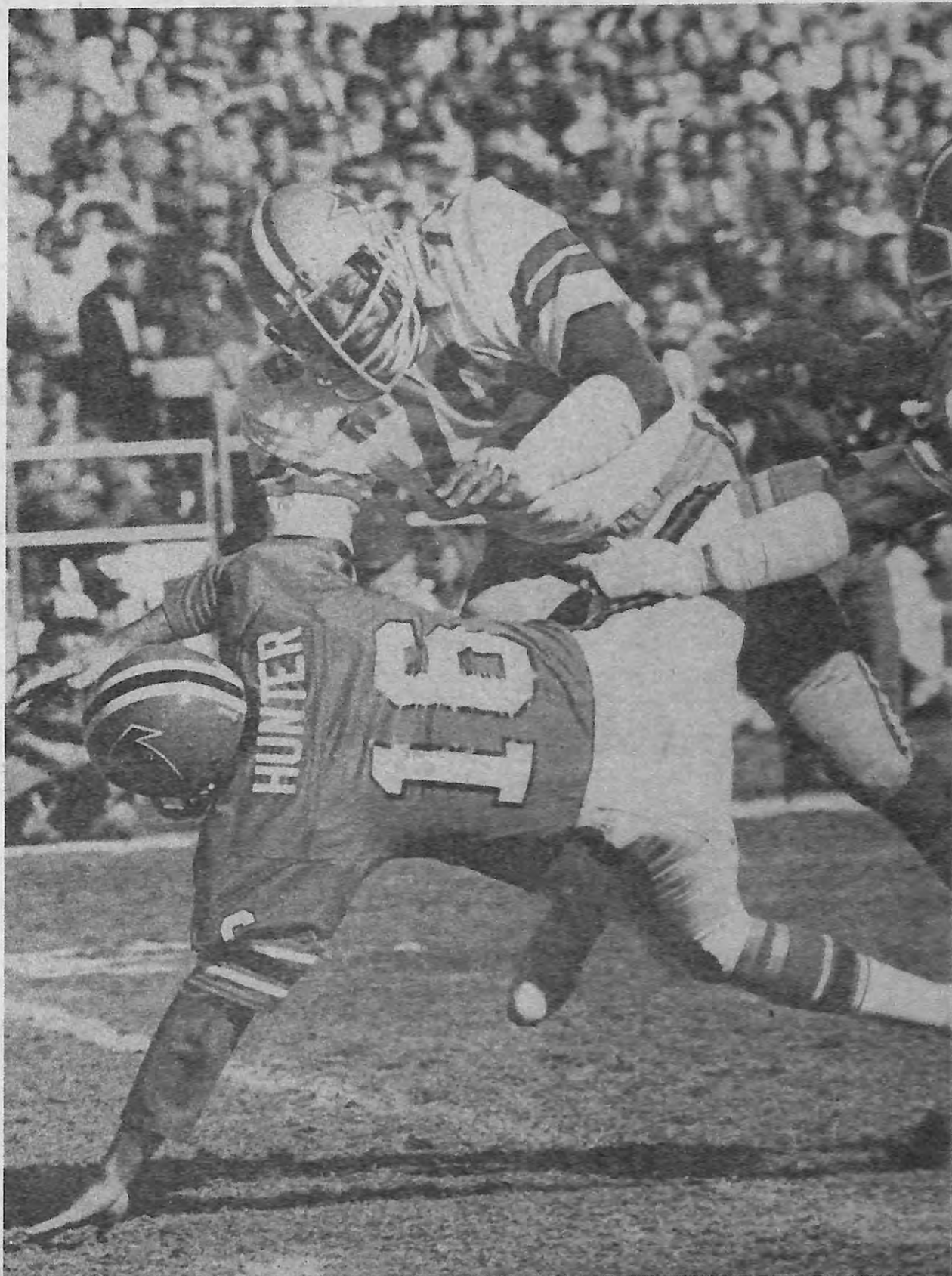
Three-year vet David Hill, who led the Lions in reception yardage with 465, is in line to succeed Sanders.

With the loss again of defensive back Levi Johnson on an off-season injury, Clark will give Jimmy Allen, acquired from Pittsburgh, a shot at strong safety.

Mark Markovich, 25 years old, was first on Detroit's depth chart at center until he was sidelined for six weeks with a knee injury requiring surgery.

#### Starr will go with 'best 11'

Coach Bart Starr said he's going to start with his best 11 people, then go "one way or the other," in commenting on his defensive philosophy for the 1978 season.



"TOO MEAN" Harvey Martin puts the hurt on Atlanta's Scott Hunter.

"We'll put the best 11 people on the field and then go one way or the other," Starr said. "If four of the front seven best are linebackers, we'll go with the 3-4. Conversely, if four of the front seven best are down linemen, we'll go with the 4-3."

Second-year David Whitehurst is battling Lynn Dickey for quarterback and running back Terrell Middleton, another second-year player, has been paired with fullback Barty Smith in the Packer backfield.

#### Falcons want more points

"Our No. 1 aim is to increase our point production," said Coach Leeman Bennett in his assessment of the Atlanta Falcons.

The Falcons scored only 179 points last season, ranking them 25th in the NFL.

Veterans Tom Moriarty, Ray Easterling and

Frank Reed are battling for Atlanta's vacant strong safety job. The Falcons gave up Ray Brown in a trade.

#### Allen likes former Green Beret

Coach George Allen likes 31-year-old wide receiver Willie Miller, a former Green Beret in Viet Nam.

"He's like wine and gets better with age," Allen said.

Miller has never caught a pass for the Rams, but is providing Los Angeles with depth at the receiving position after missing the 1977 season with an elbow injury.

#### Manning works under fifth coach

Quarterback Archie Manning is beginning his eighth season with the New Orleans Saints, and

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# THERE'S THEM. THERE'S US. THERE'S A SEA OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN.

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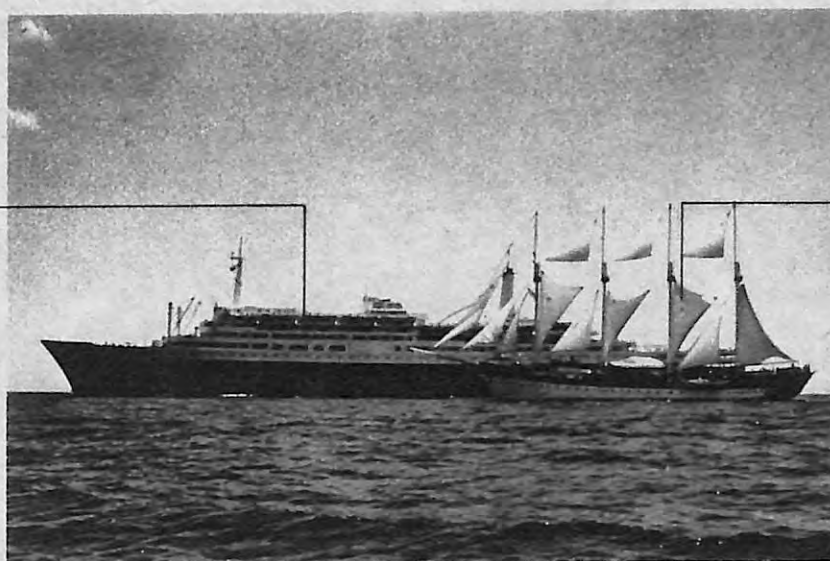
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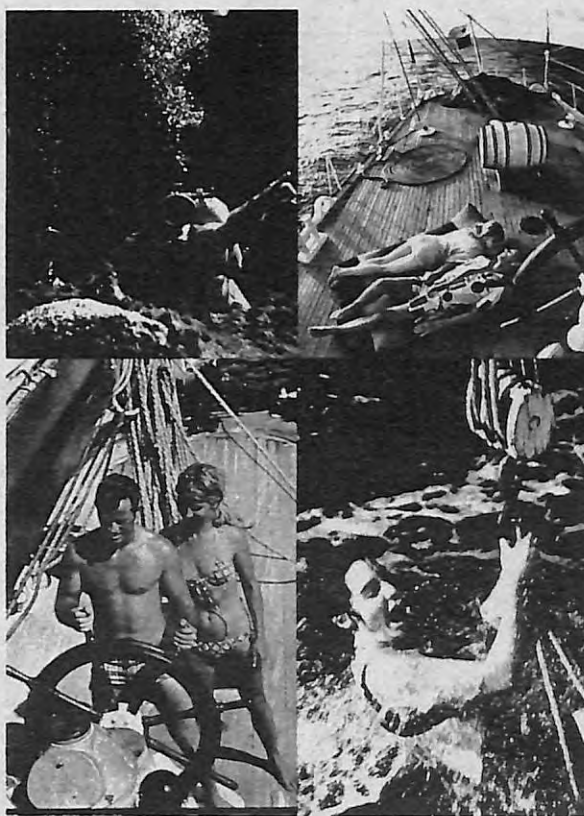
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## Youngsters wait behind Morton

### AFC notes



Quarterbacks Craig Penrose and Norris Weese again figure to play behind 1977 AFC Most Valuable Player Craig Morton as the Denver Broncos try to repeat as conference champions.

"Norris and I are young and this is still going to be a good team for years to come," Penrose said. "We're in the exact same situation — playing behind a guy who had a great year and has the potential for a couple of more."

"It's frustrating not to play more," Penrose continued, "but, if a guy has a year as Craig did, it's also tough to go to a coach and ask to play."

"We're now into our second year under Red Miller's offense. It's amazing to look at the number of times last season when one block or one little difference somewhere could have created a big play."

"Our chance will come sooner or later," he said. "We don't want it to be because Morton gets injured, but we'll be ready to contribute when needed."

#### Thomas now the Senior Chief

Cornerback Emmitt Thomas, now the senior member of the Kansas City Chiefs, recalled how he used to tease Buck Buchanan and Len Dawson about their seniority with the team.

"Buck used to tell me that some day it would happen to me and I laughed at him," Thomas said.

Now, Thomas is competing for a job with young cornerbacks Tim Collier and Gary Green.

"Playing behind them wouldn't be a disgrace," Thomas said. "They have outstanding ability. I think they are comparable to what Jim Marsalis and I were at the same stage of our careers. But if they are going to start, I'm going to make them earn it."

"With the change to the three-man front, we'll probably be using five backs quite a bit," Thomas said. "I'll just do whatever I can to help."

#### Johnson's return gives Pats a boost

The successful return of running back Andy Johnson from 1977 knee surgery could greatly improve New England's offense this season.

Johnson, a strong blocker, led the club with 29 catches in 1976 and his absence was noticeable a year ago when opposing defenses were able to concentrate inside on tight end Russ Francis.

Johnson's return also will enable Don Calhoun to move back to his more familiar backup slot behind fullback Sam Cunningham.

"People tend to overlook Johnson because he doesn't make headlines as the real flashy type," Coach Chuck Fairbanks said. "But he makes an incredible difference in our offense when he's in there and I'm very pleased he's back."

#### His lawyership, Stan White

Linebacker Stan White reported late to Baltimore's training camp after taking his State of Maryland Bar Exams.

The 28-year-old White graduated last May in the Top 10 of his class at the University of Baltimore Law School after attending night sessions during the past four football seasons.



NORRIS WEESE relieved Morton in Super Bowl.

"I'm glad it's over," White explained. "It's been a long grind. During the season, you look around and see most of the players going home after practice, having a good time, and you're still going to school. That's tough. But I decided to go ahead and attend law school instead of waiting until I retired from football. Now, I'll be able to retire whenever I want and when I quit, I'll have a great start on a new profession."

#### Del Williams an eager Dolphin

Running back Del Williams is eager to prove to Coach Don Shula that his trade from San Francisco was a good move for the Dolphins.

"I've never run behind an established line or been on a team like Miami," Williams said. "I want to be the best that Delvin Williams can possibly be this season. If I do that, then I'll be happy."

"I don't want to be a Jim Brown. I've always idolized Gale Sayers, who I thought was the best NFL running back in his era, but I don't want to pattern myself after anyone. The way I look at

it is if I can do my best, I'll surpass any goal I might have."

#### Hennessy will be Jets' rover

Defensive end John Hennessy made the club as a 10th round draft choice last year, but he has gained a new prominence in the New York Jet's training camp this season.

The 6-foot-3, 236-pounder will be the swing-man when the Jets use an occasional 3-4 defensive alignment. Hennessy will be the rover-man, a lineman who will convert to a linebacker with multiple assignments.

"We recognized John's ability to be a rover a year ago," assistant coach Joe Gardi said. "The No. 1 thing is he has the intelligence for the position and is a good athlete. I consider him a fine linebacker."

Coach Walt Michaels explained his own reasons for the move.

"The main one is that we want to confuse blocking assignments by the opposition. We are also adapting a defense to the talent of our personnel."

Hennessy is excited about the switch, too.

"They want to keep the opposition guessing and I like that," he said. "For 10 years, I've been a defensive lineman lining up over a tackle. This is like a new job and I feel better being part of it."

#### Knox will plug Bills' defense

Coach Chuck Knox is hoping to upgrade Buffalo's porous defense and suggests there may be as many as five new faces among the starting Front Seven when the regular season begins on Sept. 3.

One of those new players could be defensive tackle Phil Dokes, the club's No. 1 draftee last season who saw little action in his rookie year.

"Last season was sort of a letdown," Dokes said. "I think the few times I did get a chance to play I did all right. I would have liked to play more, but that's the way the game goes. It was hard sitting there thinking you could do more, but you don't play. You just have to be ready when they call on you."

"But, that's in the past and I don't live in the past," Dokes went on. "I live in the future and I just don't plan to sit there this year."

#### Good grief, another Knoxville punter

One of Coach Chuck Noll's goals this season is to improve special teams and No. 3 draftee punter Craig Colquist intends to do his share.

"Ray Guy's my hero and my aim is to outkick him," the rookie from Tennessee said. "I don't mean for distance, but I want to benefit Pittsburgh more than he does Oakland. That's what I'm shooting for."

If he makes the squad, Colquist will become the fourth active NFL punter from Knoxville, Tenn. Others include Seattle's Herman Weaver, New York Jet's Chuck Ramsey and Minnesota's Neil Clabo. All grew up in Knoxville.

#### More receiving? Pruitt can do it

Coach Sam Rutigliano hopes to utilize running back Greg Pruitt even more in his new offense with the Cleveland Browns.

Pruitt, a three-time 1,000-yard rusher, also caught 37 passes for 471 yards in 1977.

"I'd like to see Greg catch as many passes as

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## NFL 1978 Schedule

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### FIRST WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

New York Giants at Tampa Bay ... 8:00

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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Houston at Atlanta ... 1:00  
Kansas City at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
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St. Louis at Chicago ... 1:00  
Green Bay at Detroit ... 1:00  
San Diego at Seattle ... 1:00  
Oakland at Denver ... 2:00

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Baltimore at Dallas ... 8:00

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Detroit at Tampa Bay ... 8:00

### SECOND WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

New York Jets at Buffalo ... 1:00  
Philadelphia at Washington ... 1:00  
Seattle at Pittsburgh ... 1:00  
Cincinnati at Cleveland ... 1:00  
Dallas at New York Giants ... 1:00  
Houston at Kansas City ... 1:00  
New England at St. Louis ... 1:00  
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Atlanta at Los Angeles ... 1:00  
Chicago at San Francisco ... 1:00  
Oakland at San Diego ... 1:00  
Miami at Baltimore ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Denver at Minnesota ... 8:00

### THIRD WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Cleveland at Atlanta ... 1:00  
Seattle at New York Jets ... 1:00  
Kansas City at New York Giants ... 1:00  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
Philadelphia at New Orleans ... 1:00  
San Francisco at Houston ... 1:00  
**Tampa Bay at Minnesota** ... 1:00  
Washington at St. Louis ... 1:00  
Oakland at Green Bay ... 1:00  
Chicago at Detroit ... 1:00  
Dallas at Los Angeles ... 1:00  
San Diego at Denver ... 2:00  
Buffalo at Miami ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Baltimore at New England ... 9:00

### FOURTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Baltimore at Buffalo ... 1:00  
Miami at Philadelphia ... 1:00  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh ... 1:00  
New Orleans at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
New York Jets at Washington ... 1:00  
Denver at Kansas City ... 1:00  
Los Angeles at Houston ... 1:00  
Detroit at Seattle ... 1:00  
Green Bay at San Diego ... 1:00  
St. Louis at Dallas ... 3:00  
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants ... 4:00  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay ... 4:00  
New England at Oakland ... 6:00

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Minnesota at Chicago ... 8:00

### FIFTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Pittsburgh at New York Jets ... 1:00  
St. Louis at Miami ... 1:00  
San Diego at New England ... 1:00  
Houston at Cleveland ... 1:00  
Kansas City at Buffalo ... 1:00  
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Cincinnati at San Francisco ... 1:00  
Philadelphia at Baltimore ... 2:00  
Seattle at Denver ... 2:00  
Oakland at Chicago ... 3:00

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Dallas at Washington ... 9:00

### SIXTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Atlanta at Pittsburgh ... 1:00  
Buffalo at New York Jets ... 1:00  
Philadelphia at New England ... 1:00  
Cleveland at New Orleans ... 1:00  
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San Francisco at Los Angeles ... 1:00

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Cincinnati at Miami ... 8:30

### SEVENTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants ... 1:00  
Washington at Philadelphia ... 1:00  
Detroit at Atlanta ... 1:00  
New England at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
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New York Jets at Baltimore ... 2:00  
**Los Angeles at Minnesota** ... 3:00

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Chicago at Denver ... 7:00

### EIGHTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Chicago at Tampa Bay ... 1:00  
Cincinnati at Buffalo ... 1:00  
Miami at New England ... 1:00  
Washington at New York Giants ... 1:00  
St. Louis at New York Jets ... 1:00  
San Diego at Detroit ... 1:00  
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Philadelphia at Dallas ... 1:00  
Cleveland at Kansas City ... 1:00  
New Orleans at Los Angeles ... 1:00  
Oakland at Seattle ... 1:00  
Atlanta at San Francisco ... 1:00  
Denver at Baltimore ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Houston at Pittsburgh ... 9:00

### NINTH WEEKEND

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

**Minnesota at Dallas** ... 7:30

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Buffalo at Cleveland ... 1:00  
Houston at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh ... 1:00  
New York Jets at New England ... 1:00  
San Francisco at Washington ... 1:00  
St. Louis at Philadelphia ... 1:00  
New York Giants at New Orleans ... 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Green Bay ... 1:00  
Detroit at Chicago ... 1:00  
San Diego at Oakland ... 1:00  
Denver at Seattle ... 1:00  
Baltimore at Miami ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Los Angeles at Atlanta ... 9:00

### TENTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

New York Giants at St. Louis ... 12:00  
Green Bay at Philadelphia ... 1:00  
New England at Buffalo ... 1:00  
New Orleans at Pittsburgh ... 1:00  
San Francisco at Atlanta ... 1:00  
Seattle at Chicago ... 1:00  
**Detroit at Minnesota** ... Noon  
Oakland at Kansas City ... 1:00  
Cleveland at Houston ... 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles ... 1:00  
Cincinnati at San Diego ... 1:00  
New York Jets at Denver ... 2:00  
Dallas at Miami ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Washington at Baltimore ... 9:00

### ELEVENTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Atlanta at New Orleans ... 1:00  
Denver at Cleveland ... 1:00  
Miami at Buffalo ... 1:00  
New York Giants at Washington ... 1:00  
New York Jets at Philadelphia ... 1:00  
Houston at New England ... 1:00  
Dallas at Green Bay (Milw.) ... 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Detroit ... 1:00  
Kansas City at San Diego ... 1:00  
Baltimore at Seattle ... 1:00  
St. Louis at San Francisco ... 1:00  
**Chicago at Minnesota** ... 3:00  
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles ... 5:00

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Oakland at Cincinnati ... 9:00

### TWELFTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Buffalo at Tampa Bay ... 1:00  
Philadelphia at New York Giants ... 1:00  
St. Louis at Washington ... 1:00  
New England at New York Jets ... 1:00  
**San Diego at Minnesota** ... Noon  
Seattle at Kansas City ... 1:00  
New Orleans at Dallas ... 1:00  
Atlanta at Chicago ... 1:00  
Green Bay at Denver ... 1:00  
Los Angeles at San Francisco ... 1:00  
Detroit at Oakland ... 1:00  
Cleveland at Baltimore ... 2:00  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Miami at Houston ... 8:00

### THIRTEENTH WEEKEND

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Denver at Detroit ... 12:30

Washington at Dallas ... 2:30

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Los Angeles at Cleveland ... 1:00  
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San Diego at Kansas City ... 1:00  
**Minnesota at Green Bay** ... 1:00  
Cincinnati at Houston ... 1:00  
Seattle at Oakland ... 1:00  
New England at Baltimore ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pittsburgh at San Francisco ... 6:00

### FOURTEENTH WEEKEND

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Atlanta at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
Baltimore at New York Jets ... 1:00  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay ... 1:00  
Los Angeles at New York Giants ... 1:00  
Miami at Washington ... 1:00  
San Francisco at New Orleans ... 1:00  
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Detroit at St. Louis ... 1:00  
Buffalo at Kansas City ... 1:00  
Cleveland at Seattle ... 1:00  
New England at Dallas ... 3:00  
Denver at Oakland ... 6:00

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Chicago at San Diego ... 6:00

### FIFTEENTH WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Baltimore at Pittsburgh ... 1:00

**Minnesota at Detroit** ... 4:00

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Buffalo at New England ... 1:00  
New York Jets at Cleveland ... 1:00  
St. Louis at New York Giants ... 1:00  
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Oakland at Miami ... 4:00

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Cincinnati at Los Angeles ... 6:00

### SIXTEENTH WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Chicago at Washington ... 1:00

Pittsburgh at Denver ... 2:00

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Cleveland at Cincinnati ... 1:00  
Dallas at New York Jets ... 1:00  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay ... 1:00  
New York Giants at Philadelphia ... 1:00  
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#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

New England at Miami ... 9:00



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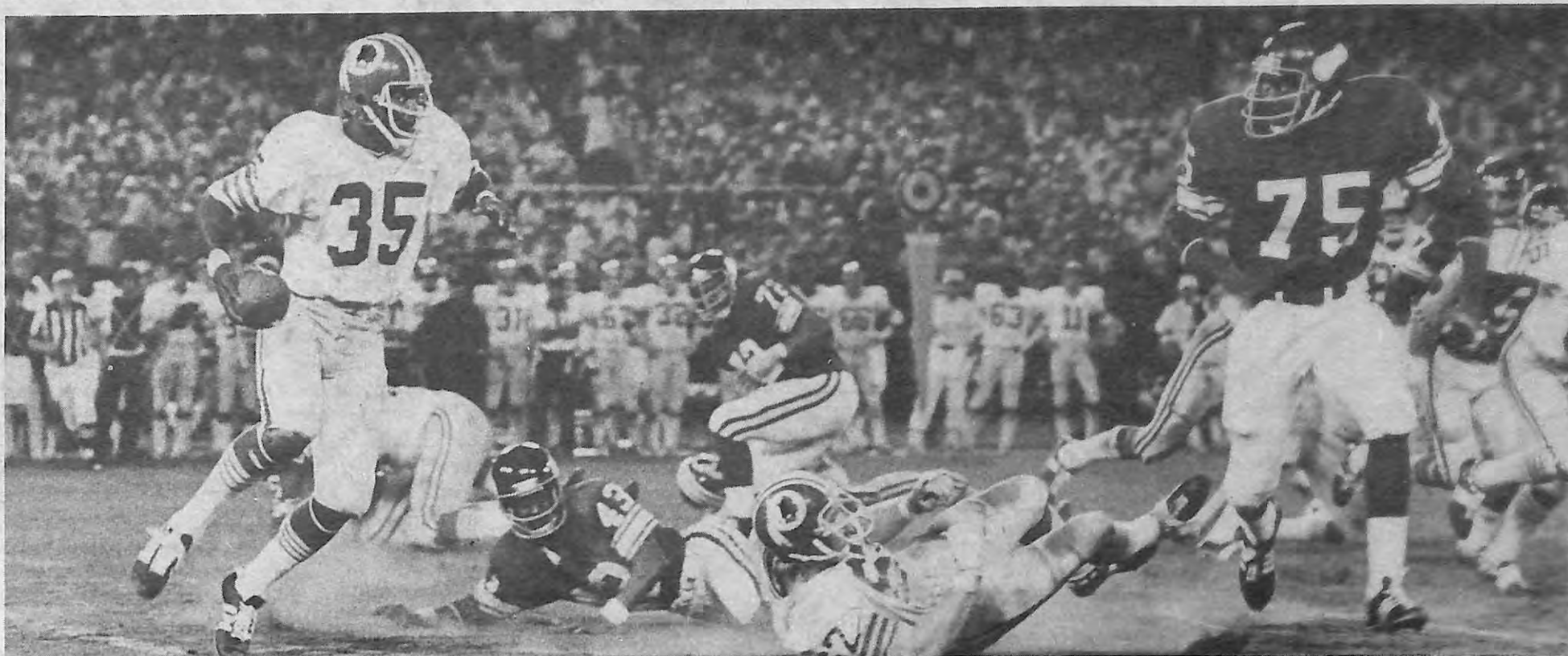


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PRO FOOTBALL can knock you down, and Calvin Hill (35) decided after facing the likes of Viking rookie Randy Holloway (75) and the Vikings in the preseason opener that "nine years is enough." He "resigned" from the Redskins.

## NFL update



Calvin Hill, the Yale graduate who was a surprise first-round draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys nine years ago, announced his "resignation" from the Washington Redskins. Hill was an instant star for the Cowboys as a running back even though the club's initial plan was to play him at tight end. He had signed with Honolulu of the World Football League and, when that

league folded, returned to the NFL with the Washington Redskins.

The Cleveland Browns acquired running back Tom Sullivan from the Philadelphia Eagles for an undisclosed future draft choice. Sullivan, a seven-year veteran from the University of Miami, was the Eagles' second leading rusher last season with 363 yards, and caught 26 passes for 223 yards.

Linebacker Tony Cline, an eight-year veteran who was claimed on injured waivers with a knee injury from the Oakland Raiders in 1976, was waived by the San Francisco 49ers. The 49ers also waived wide receiver Willie McGee, who played with the Chargers and Rams before going

to Tampa Bay in the expansion draft. He came to the 49ers in the Steve Spurrier trade before ever playing with the Bucs.

Woody Green, who had only recently signed with the Packers, announced his retirement. Green's NFL career had all been with the Kansas City Chiefs after a standout career at Arizona State.

Former Kentucky sensation, running back Sonny Collins retired. Collins spent his rookie season with the Falcons in '76. Atlanta waived him in preseason last year, and the Rams signed him two weeks into the season. He spent the next 12 weeks on the inactive list and did not play in '77.

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will be working under his fifth head coach.

"It's really not confusing any more because I'm used to it," Manning said when he was asked if new coach Dick Nolan would present any special problems for him.

Manning is particularly optimistic about the potential greatness of wide receivers Ike Harris and Wes Chandler.

"I can't remember us adding two players of this caliber from one season to the next," Manning said.

### Where did the tight ends go?

**WHAT'S A COACH TO DO DEPARTMENT:** The St. Louis depth chart at tight end had looked acceptable going into training camp, even with the retirement of veteran Jackie Smith. But, within a seven-day period, Coach Bud Wilkinson saw his top three candidates lost to the team. George Amundson and rookie Joe Mosley were hurt early in camp, then fifth-year veteran J. V. Cain suffered an Achilles tendon injury.

### That IS a long way

**QUOTE, UNQUOTE:** Tampa Bay Head Coach John McKay saw a rookie fullback impress during a training camp workout and commented: "Johnny Davis threw a block I haven't seen here in 2½ years. He knocked one of our linebackers past Abe Gibrón, and that's a far piece." Latest weight report on Gibrón, a Tampa Bay assistant coach, was 310 pounds.

## AFC notes From page 17



GREG PRUITT will catch more in '78.

Lydell Mitchell did in Baltimore last season," Rutigliano said.

Mitchell led the league with 71 receptions in 1977.

"Pruitt is one of the few guys in the NFL who could be an All-Pro at either running back or wide receiver," Rutigliano added. "In fact, the only other one I can think of right off hand is Minnesota's Chuck Foreman."



J. V. CAIN injured Achilles tendon.





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## Three Gophers tabbed in second round...

The fact that three of last year's Minnesota defensive standouts were each taken in the second round of the 1978 NFL draft leads Gopher head coach Cal Stoll to a pair of conclusions when looking at his 1978 season.

"First, of course, it means we have three giant holes to fill with the loss of linebackers Michael Hunt and Steve Stewart plus end Mark Merrill," Stoll says.

"But secondly, it also means to us that our program at Minnesota is beginning to come of age . . . and quality.

"Although there are more holes created by graduation than the three mentioned, my staff and I firmly believe we have better material returning next fall than in any of our six previous years at Minnesota.

"Add to that what we learned and accomplished this spring and, well . . . let's just say we are very optimistic about 1978.

"Now that may sound a bit strange when you look at a schedule which includes the likes of Ohio State, UCLA, Oregon State, Michigan, Indiana and Michigan State among our 11 opponents, including eight Big Ten games.

"But we honestly believe we have turned the corner at Minnesota. Our players believe it, too.

"We completed the best spring drills I have ever worked with in terms of overall accomplishment in improved concepts and techniques. In addition, player attitude was absolutely excellent.

"An additional plus for our program came at the end of last season. After finishing 7-4 including wins against ranked powers Michigan, UCLA and Washington, we were fortunate to receive a bid to the first Hall of Fame Classic at Birmingham, Alabama.

"That we lost 17-7 to Maryland is one thing. That we gained three extra weeks of practice and also extremely valuable experience and exposure for our players and the entire football program at Minnesota is another factor.

"There is no way you can duplicate either of the latter two items . . . experience and exposure.

"Now I'm not saying we are a cinch for another bowl bid this season. But I am saying again we are optimistic about 1978 and, with a right bounce or two along the way, could be in the running when next November comes around.

"I just wish our first game was tomorrow. I am that excited about the potential of our 1978 football program."

### 31 Lettermen back

One item that underscores Stoll's optimism is 31 lettermen and several more players who return with Big Ten game experience.

This group is headed by captain elect Stan Sytsma (6-2 222 Sr.) at defensive end. According to his coaches, Sytsma, based on his performance the last two years, could be the top DE in the Big Ten this season.

He was third in all tackle points last year and led the Gophers in sacks with 12 for 67 yards in enemy losses. He is also expected to be a strong team leader.

Other keys returning on defense include giant tackle Jim Ronan (6-5½ 249 Sr.), rugged nose guard Doug Friberg (6-3 224 Sr.), and a pair of hard-nosed backs in SS Keith Brown (5-11 204 Sr.) and FS Keith Edwards (5-11 198 Jr.).

Both the latter boast excellent speed and are genuine hitters. Ronan is back for his third season as a starter, Friberg his second.

Keys rounding out the defensive unit are expected to be vets Brian Snyder (5-10 174 Sr.), a converted FS, and Ken Foxworth (5-11 175 Jr.) at cornerback, plus a fast-improving pair up

front in Alan Blanshan (6-5 263 Jr.) at tackle and Tom Murphy (6-2½ 214 Jr.) at end.

That leaves one critical spot open . . . linebacker.

"In losing (Michael) Hunt and (Steve) Stewart we lost what I believe was the best linebacking duo in the Big Ten last season," Stoll commented. "As of now this spot is still critical as no one other than Ed Burns (6-1 216 Sr.) has extended experience.

"So our linebacking will remain critical until proven in competition. That's a difficult way to learn playing for the first time against rugged teams.

"However, two players, Jack Johnson (6-1½ 215 So.) and Don Meyer (6-2 219 Jr.) have played some Big Ten football and have a chance, along with Burns, to become starters.

"Others who impressed during spring drills at linebacking include Jim Fahnhorst (6-3½ 215 So.), Brent Harms (6-2 213 Fr.) and Glen Howard (6-1½ 211 So.). Any of these three could come to the front after gaining some game experience."

Another place Stoll finds somewhat of a dilemma is quarterback.

Two men who played almost the entire 1977 season return in Wendell Avery (6-0 182 Jr.) and Mark Carlson (5-11 188 Jr.). But both will be pressed by a new find in spring drills, transfer Mark Tonn (6-5½ 215 Jr.). Tonn played two years at St. Norberg (Wis.) College before enrolling at UM last fall.

"What it comes down to now is a matter of us deciding who will start the season opener based on what happens in pre-fall practice," Stoll says.

"Any of these three can start. In addition, I believe we have three candidates that can win for us, too! A whole lot depends on what they do to get ready this summer and who comes to the top during pre-fall drills.

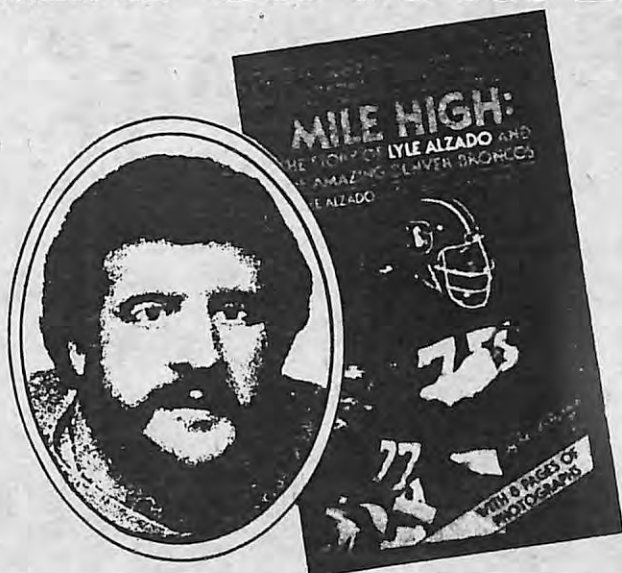
"Competition between all three was extremely close and rewarding during spring practice. As I said, any of them can start and win. I guess we'll just have to wait for the cream to come to the top."

### 1978 GOPHER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(All Times Central)

Sept. 16	Toledo @ Minneapolis	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Ohio State @ Minneapolis	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	UCLA @ Los Angeles	9:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Oregon State @ Minneapolis	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Iowa @ Minneapolis	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Northwestern @ Evanston	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Michigan @ Ann Arbor	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Indiana @ Minneapolis	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Mich. State @ E. Lansing	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Illinois @ Minneapolis	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	Wisconsin @ Madison	1:00 p.m.

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The rest of the offensive backfield is loaded with veterans, a factor that would please any coach.

Three lettermen return at fullback in NCAA record-smashing Kent Kitzmann (6-2½ 204 Jr.), bullish Jeff Thompson (6-2 211 Jr.) and speedy Garry White (5-11 188 So.).

Kitzmann, Minnesota's leading rusher the last two years, shocked the college football world last fall when he set a new national standard by carrying the ball an amazing 57 times for 266 yards and three touchdowns in a 21-0 win at Illinois. He did not lose a single rushing yard last fall, either. The 57 carries broke the all-time NCAA mark for a single game performance.

At running back are two exceptional young men who a year ago last spring were still in high school. Sturdy Marion Barber (6-2½ 200 So.), who was second only to Kitzmann in rushing, and quick-stepping Roy Artis (6-1 179 So.) are the keys to Minnesota's outside game in 1978.

Barber runs with amazing balance and has the ability to break a ton of tackles, while Artis is probably the best broken field runner seen in these parts since the days of Rick Upchurch. Both Barber and Artis lettered last fall.

Two more lettermen return at wingback in Elmer Bailey (6-0½ 194 Jr.) and Steve Breault (6-0 192 Sr.). Each is a pass catching threat and can also come off the wing to add an additional rushing threat to the outside.

But both will be pressed by Ray Dilulo (5-11½ 211 So.) who was forced to sit out last season with injuries. Another three-way battle to see who becomes a starter looms here.

Up front Stoll and Co. must replace the loss of almost the entire interior of the offensive line. The only men back with any length of experience are tackle Marty Stein (6-3 250 Jr.) and guard Pat Paquette (6-4½ 254 So.).

"I honestly believe that even though we lost a lot in quality here we are still going to be solid," Stoll adds. "In Marty Stein and Pat Paquette, plus tackle Greg Murtha (6-6 249 Sr.) and several others we have the makings of not only a huge but another quality group.

"Darrel Schwen (6-3½ 222 Jr.) started two games at the other guard for us last fall, and our

experiment at center may prove to be the catalyst."

Moved to the snapper position were TE Ken Wypyszynski (6-5½ 237 Jr.) and DE Steve Tobin (6-4½ 250 Jr.). Both proved in the spring they adapted well to the move, but then neither has faced a foreign nose guard, either. But prospects here look good.

Talented Glenn Bourquin (6-3 226 Jr.) returns for his third season at TE as does glue fingered Jeff Anhorn (6-2½ 186 Sr.) at split end. Anhorn has made 30 pass grabs the last two years and could equal that total this coming fall.

One-half of Stoll's kicking game finds absolutely no weakness at all. Record-setting Paul Rogind (5-10 174 Jr.) owns all but two Minnesota place kicking marks and was among the national leaders last fall. He connected on all 14 conversion tries and hit 18 of 26 field goal attempts. Four of his latter boots provided the winning margin for Minnesota last fall. He also boots deep kickoffs.

The punting game is still up for grabs among five or six candidates. Leaders going into pre-fall include Terry Simmons (6-1 185 Jr.), who

handled last year's chores, plus transfer Tom Smith (6-1 190 So.) and Tobin. Tobin punted two years ago but suffered a foot injury and sat out last fall.

"The places where we have returning lettermen make us definitely improved," Stoll added, "but spots without veterans will be a problem area until proven in the heat of battle.

"But I believe the potential is there. Now all we have to do is go out and prove it."

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#### DEFENSE

- 1 Art STILL (Kansas City, 1)
- 2 Mike WOODS (Baltimore, 2)
- 3 Keith SIMPSON (Seattle, 1)
- 4 Clay MATTHEWS (Cleveland, 1)
- 5 Luther BRADLEY (Detroit, 1)
- 6 Ray GRIFFIN (Cincinnati, 2)
- 7 Brad SHEARER (Chicago, 3)
- 8 Russell ERXLEBEN
- 9 Randy HOLLOWAY (Minnesota, 1)
- 10 Lucius SANFORD (Buffalo, 4)
- 11 Bob JURY (Seattle, 3)
- 12 Ross BROWNER (Cincinnati, 1)

#### OFFENSE

- 13 Wes CHANDLER (New Orleans, 1)
- 14 Doug WILLIAMS (Tampa Bay, 1)
- 15 Gordon KING (N.Y. Giants, 1)
- 16 George COLLINS (St. Louis, 4)
- 17 Walt DOWNING (San Francisco, 2)
- 18 Ozzie NEWSOME (Cleveland, 1)
- 19 Earl CAMPBELL (Houston, 1)
- 20 Steve LITTLE (St. Louis, 1)
- 21 Chris WARD (N.Y. Jets, 1)
- 22 Mark DONAHUE (Cincinnati, 11)
- 23 Ken MACAFFE (San Francisco, 1)
- 24 Terry MILLER (Buffalo, 1)





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KANSAS CITY 17, MINNESOTA 13

## GAME SUMMARY

Saturday, August 12, 1978, 7:35 p.m. CDT.  
Minnesota Vikings vs. Kansas City Chiefs.  
At Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.  
Weather: Clear. Temperature: 91 degrees.  
Wind: N.E. at 10 mph. Humidity: 68%.  
OFFICIALS: Referee, Gene Bareth; Umpire, Bill Ross; Line Judge, Bruce Alford; Head Linesman, Jerry Bergman; Back Judge, Pat Knight; Field Judge, Ed Merrifield; Side Judge, Willie Spencer.

## LINEUPS

### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

**Offense**  
WR 80 Harry Washington  
LT 78 Steve Riley  
LG 68 Charles Goodrum  
C 53 Mick Tingelhoff  
RG 61 Wes Hamilton  
RT 73 Ron Yary  
TE 84 Steve Craig  
WR 18 Kevin Miller  
QB 19 Bob Lee  
HB 35 Robert Miller  
FB 39 Mark Kellar

**Defense**  
LE 81 Carl Eller  
LT 68 Doug Sutherland  
RT 88 Alan Page  
RE 70 Jim Marshall  
LLB 64 Mark Bockeloh  
MLB 50 Jeff Siemon  
RLB 54 Fred McNeill  
LCB 43 Nate Wright  
RCB 20 Bobby Bryant  
SS 29 Phil Wise  
FS 22 Paul Krause

SUBSTITUTIONS: Wood, Danmeier, Deutsch, Clabo, Blahak, Allen; D. Shaw, Harris, H. Shaw, McClanahan, Young, Moore, Tucker, Woods, Schmitz, Hannon, Adzick, Hough, Studwell, Blair, Keating, Sellers, Olsonoski, Swilley, White, Holloway, Jackson, Mullaney, Hall, Voigt, Pagh, Square, Donlin.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Minn.	K.C.
<b>FIRST DOWNS:</b>		
Rushing-Passing-Penalty	5-7-1	12-2-2
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS:</b>	13	16
<b>THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY:</b>	8-11	3-14
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS:</b>	158	281
Total Offensive Plays	62	65
Avg. Gain Per Off. Play	2.5	4.3
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	88	235
Total Rushing Plays	30	49
Avg. Gain Per Rush	2.9	4.8
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	70	46
Times Thrown-Yards Lost	2-16	2-18
Gross Yards Passing	86	64
<b>PASSES:</b>		
Attempts-Comp.-Int.	30-14-2	14-6-0
Avg. Gain Per Pass	4.4	5.8
<b>PUNTS: Number-Avg.</b>	7-37.5	5-34.6
Had Blocked	0	0
<b>TOTAL RETURN</b>		
<b>YARDAGE</b>	71	167
Punts: No.-Yards	0-0	4-41
Kickoffs: No.-Yards	5-71	4-79
Interceptions: No.-Yards	0-0	2-47
<b>PENALTIES: No.-Yards</b>	12-103	8-66
<b>FUMBLES: No.-Lost</b>	5-1	4-3
<b>TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS:</b>	2	0
Rushing-Passing>Returns	1-1-0	0-0-0
<b>EXTRA POINTS:</b>		
Made-Attempted	1-2	0-0
<b>FIELD GOALS:</b>		
Made-Attempted	0-0	5-5
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION:</b>	27:40	32:20

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### MINNESOTA OFFENSE

**RUSHING (Att.-Yds.):** Kellar 5-4; Miller 2-4; Young 9-34; Harris 6-20; H. Shaw 3-6; Schmitz 4-14; Donlin 1-6.  
**PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Yds.-Int.-TD):** Lee 25-14-86-1-1; Donlin 5-0-0-1-0.  
**PASS RECEIVING (No.-Yds.-TD):** Craig 2-24-0; Young 4-22-0; Harris 2-minus 2-0; Washington 3-22-1; Miller 1-5-0; Schmitz 1-10-0; H. Shaw 1-5-0.  
**PUNTING (No.-Yds.-Avg.):** Clabo 3-113-37.6; Deutsch 4-150-37.5.  
**PUNT RETURNS (No.-Yds.):** None.  
**KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Yds.):** D. Shaw 3-55; H. Shaw 1-16; Miller 1-6.  
**FUMBLES (No.-Lost):** D. Shaw 1-0; Harris 1-1; Young 1-0; Miller 1-0; Washington 1-0.

### DEFENSE

**TACKLES-ASSISTS:** McNeill 7-2; Bockeloh 6-2; Hannon 5-0; Studwell 5-0; Sutherland 4-1; Wise 3-1; Woods 3-1; Wright 3-0; Siemon 3-3; Holloway 3-0; Marshall 2-0; Jackson 2-0; Mullaney 2-1; Page 2-0; Donlin 1-0; Bryant 1-0; Krause 1-0; Allen 1-0; McClanahan 1-0; Adzick 1-0; Hough 1-0; Keating 1-0; Hamilton 1-0; Olsonoski 1-0; White 1-0.  
**SACKS:** Sutherland 1, Mullaney 1.  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** None.  
**PASSES DEFENSED:** Woods 1, Siemon 1.  
**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** Wise 1, McNeill, Jackson 1.  
**BLOCKED KICKS (Punt-PAT-FG):** None.

### KANSAS CITY OFFENSE

**RUSHING (Att.-Yds.):** Bailey 18-91; Lane 3-8; Reed 11-73; Adams 2-15; White 1-4; Rowland 4-17; Brockington 7-21; Belton 1-2; Morgado 2-4.  
**PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Yds.-Int.-TD):** Adams 7-2-17-0-0; Shaw 5-2-22-0-0; Livingston 2-2-25-0-0.  
**PASS RECEIVING (No.-Yds.-TD):** Bailey 1-6-0; Reed 1-11-0; Kellar 1-17-0; Samuels 1-5-0; McRae 1-9-0; Beckman 1-16-0.  
**PUNTING (No.-Yds.-Avg.):** Andrusyshyn 5-173-34.6.  
**PUNT RETURNS (No.-Yds.):** Woods 4-41. Fair catches—Woods 1.  
**KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Yds.):** Woods 3-62; Rowland 1-17.  
**FUMBLES (No.-Lost):** Bailey 2-2; Rowland 1-1.

### DEFENSE

**TACKLES-ASSISTS:** Carey 5-2; Spani 4-0; Rozumek 4-2; Sanders 4-1; Thomas 3-0; Rodgers 3-0; Johnson 3-0; Burke 3-0; Hicks 3-1; Still 2-0; Imhof 2-1; Lloyd 2-0; Ruff 2-1; Milo 1-1; Davis 1-0; Lane 1-0; Gray 1-0; Elrod 1-0; McRae 1-0; Davis 1-0.  
**SACKS:** Paul 2.  
**INTERCEPTIONS:** Thomas 1.  
**PASSES DEFENSED:** Collier 1, Paul 1, Lohmeyer 1.  
**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** Sanders 1.  
**BLOCKED KICKS (Punt-PAT-FG):** Green 0-1-0.

## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

**Offense**  
WR 89 Henry Marshall  
LT 60 Matt Herkenhoff  
LG 73 Bob Simmons  
C 58 Jack Rudnay  
RG 65 Tom Condon  
RT 70 Jim Nicholson  
TE 88 Walter White  
QB 11 Tony Adams  
LH 32 Tony Reed  
RH 42 MacArthur Lane  
FB 39 Mark Bailey

**Defense**  
LE 67 Art Still  
LT 74 Jeff Lloyd  
RE 75 Sylvester Hicks  
LOB 64 Whitney Paul  
LIB 54 Jimbo Elrod  
RIB 55 Dave Rozumek  
ROB 52 Thomas Howard  
LC 24 Gary Green  
RC 18 Emmitt Thomas  
SS 46 Tim Gray  
WS 26 Gary Barbaro

SUBSTITUTIONS: Woods, Stenerud, Andrusyshyn, Livingston, Shaw, White, Morgado, Wesson, Milo, Belton, Collier, Odom, Brockington, Rowland, Rodgers, Spani, Brock, Ane, Johnson, Burks, Imhoff, Walters, Ghetty, Dorsey, Samuels, McRae, Wade, Beckman, Lohmeyer, Sanders, David, Russ, Kellar, Carey.

## SCORING BY QUARTERS

Minnesota ..... 0 0 7 6 — 13  
Kansas City ..... 0 12 3 2 — 17

### 1st Quarter

0 0 -0- None

### 2nd Quarter

0 3 1:27 KC—Stenerud 23 FG.  
0 6 5:21 KC—Stenerud 50 FG.  
0 9 14:34 KC—Stenerud 24 FG.  
0 12 14:57 KC—Stenerud 31 FG.

### 3rd Quarter

7 12 7:38 M—Kellar 1 run (Danmeier kick good).  
7 15 11:07 KC—Stenerud 47 FG.

### 4th Quarter

13 15 1:24 M—Washington 8 pass from Lee (Wood kick blocked).  
13 17 5:20 KC—Paul tackled Lee in end zone.

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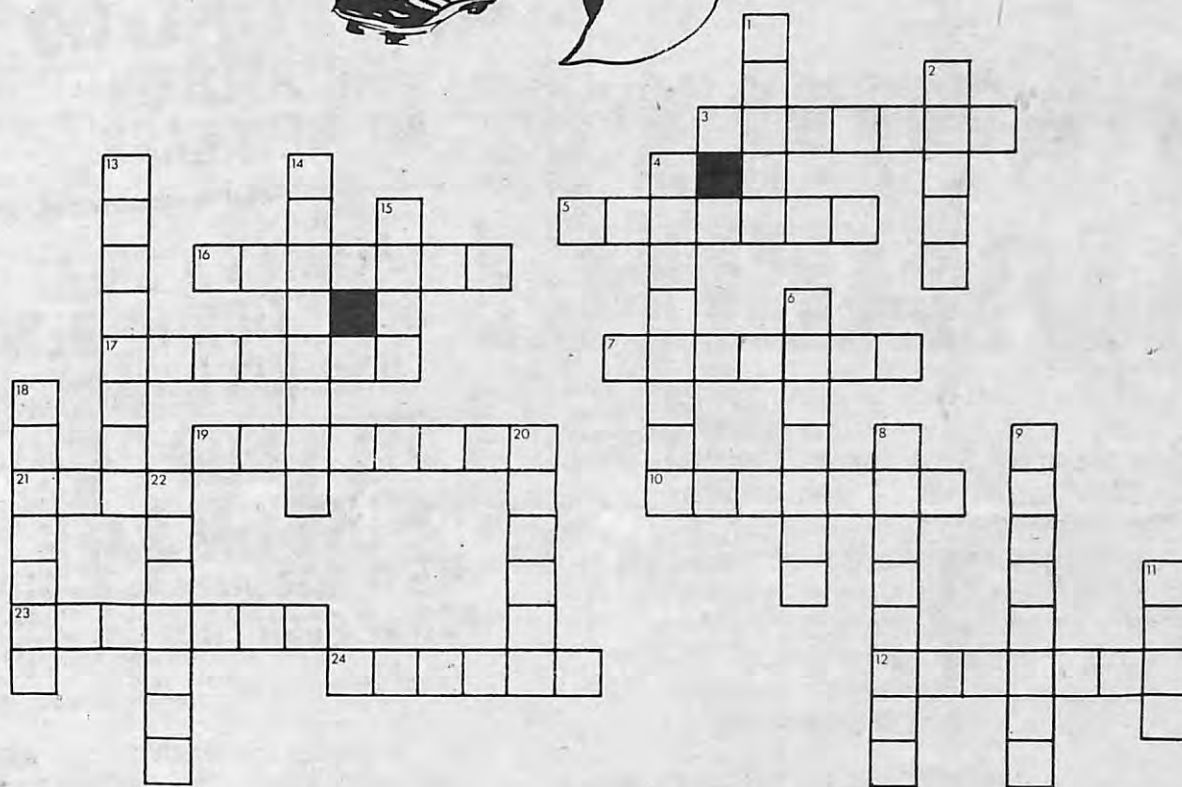
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(Answers on page 21)

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Fifteen of these 23 players subsequently drafted by the NFL were first-round choices! In fact, all but one (due to a past knee problem) were drafted by the 4th round.

This week Sportsagram honors this All-American offensive and defensive team, including two kicking specialists.

Hidden within each clue is the player's last name (to be filled in the crossword). It's hidden either in correct spelling order, or as an anagram (mixed-up letters, as in 4, "...knows THAT MEN..." rearranged spells MATTHEWS). All anagrams are capitalized.

## DEFENSE

- 1 Trivia fact: This past season only one university had Sporting News 1st-team All-Americans in both football and basketball. If you still don't know, this defensive end is a Wildcat named Art.
- 2 OSU'S WOODY Hayes should've grabbed this linebacker after he left Tampa. Instead, Mike went to neighboring Cincinnati, where last season he soloed or assisted in over 90 tackles.
- 3 How does a coach replace this Memphis State defenseman? IMPOSSIBLE, when you consider that Keith had 4 super years as cornerback — and is possibly the fastest man on the All-American squad.
- 4 Coach John Robinson knows THAT MEN like Clay — built like Cement — are worth their weight in Gold. That's why he called him "one of the best fundamental linebackers I've ever seen."
- 5 Coach Devine will miss LUTHER BADLY, considered by many to be the best defensive back Notre Dame's ever had — a starter every game for 4 seasons.
- 6 Whether it was playing safety, running in the backfield, returning a punt or kickoff, R.G. — INimitable performer for 4 years — was the best OSU athlete.
- 7 What can you say about a tackle who averaged 10 tackles a game for the Long-horns? The Bears'll tell you, since they picked Brad: HE'S RARE!
- 8 Know this next Longhorn REBEL? EXceptional kicker who averaged 45.9 yards per punt...and the only junior on the squad!
- 9 The way this Panther played tackle — 77 tackles and 8 sacks — you'd think he was A WHOLLY Owned subsidiary of the Rock of Gibraltar.
- 10 Yellowjacket captain and linebacker, he was in on 80-plus tackles, including opposing backs for 17 minus yards — NO Favorite of runners, to be sure. As Tony Dorsett said, "Lucius hit me harder than I'd ever been hit before."

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- 11 The 'big play' maker of the Panther secondary JUST happened to lead his team in interceptions for 3 years, and holds the Pitt career record with 19.
- 12 The jarrin' Aaron Brown era at Ohio State was topped perhaps only by this DE from an adjacent state — the only repeater from the '76 All-American team.

## OFFENSE

- 13 Can Florida's Mr. C. handle running plays, even though he's a wide receiver? 61 rushes for 353 yards & 10 punt returns for 140 says YES!
- 14 In the NFL, Doug'S AIM WILL be the same as it was at Grambling: pass for more yardage & TD's than anyone before him in NCAA history!
- 15 Called "the best offensive tackle in Stanford history", Gordon's an excellent pass blocker noted for making his quarterback's life easier.
- 16 One of college football'S INCOMparable guards, George began his Georgia career as a tight end before he found his sweet spot.
- 17 Touchdown after touchdown, in game after game, this center — originally a guard — played a big role getting the Wolverines to the Rose Bowl.
- 18 "My best athlete since Namath!", Bear Bryant said of his 22.3-yards-a-catch wide receiver. He knew something about the pass-catching wizard Oz.
- 19 The first All-American picks were made in 1889 by Walter Camp. Bellino, Simpson, Ameche are some of the previous All-Americans who have played the same position as this Heisman Trophy winner.
- 20 A placekicker whose 67-yard field goal set a new NCAA record (tied by No. 8) — and whose career total of 53 is an NCAA Division I record — it's little wonder why this Razorback was selected.
- 21 Woody Hayes must've prayed hard 4 years ago, for he was rewarded with this tackle — an honor student, and the biggest All-American at 272!
- 22 One reason why Michigan's had such a powerful running game is because Bo Schembechler FOUND A HECK of a guard from Illinois named Mark.
- 23 After watching this pre-med student star at TE for ND, what can you say about Big Mac? A feeling by the scouts that he'll be one of the best as a pro.
- 24 Only the third back in NCAA history to run for 100 yards in all 11 regular season games. Is he Curtis Dickey (Texas A&M), Terry Miller (Oklahoma State), or Elliott Walker (Pitt)?

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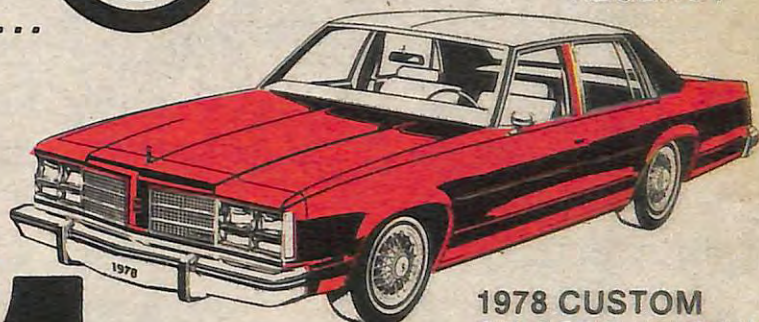
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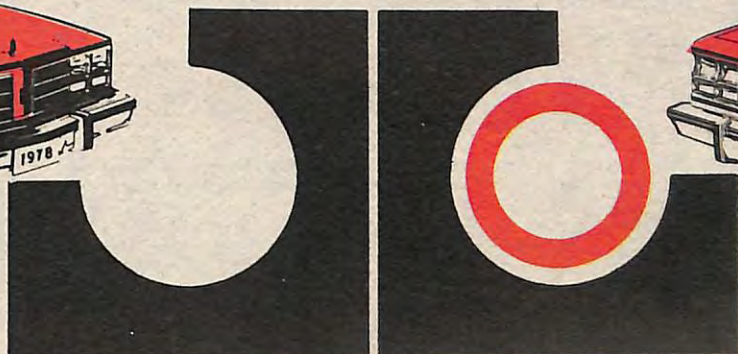
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